

Merry Christmas

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Holiday Excitement Builds With Holiday Contest & School Concert



The Christmas Season is growing to a fever pitch with only two days left and counting. The City had many homes participating in the annual Home Christmas Decorating Contest.

City Secretary, Debbie Anthony, stated, "The anonymous judges had a very tough job this year. We (the City) really appreciate all the participation. It sure makes our town look nice at night!"

Winning first place was the home of Don and Mary Kelly. Very cute in the daytime but it must be seen at night to be truly appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and candy

canes make this home a traditional winner.

The second place prize went to the Jiggs Britten home. Their depiction of Santa plowing a path through their front yard on a vintage tractor can truly be appreciated in a farming community like Groom.

The third place winner was the Jess Baker home. A real "Light" show, the home was decorated with chase lights, a lighted angel and lighted bells.

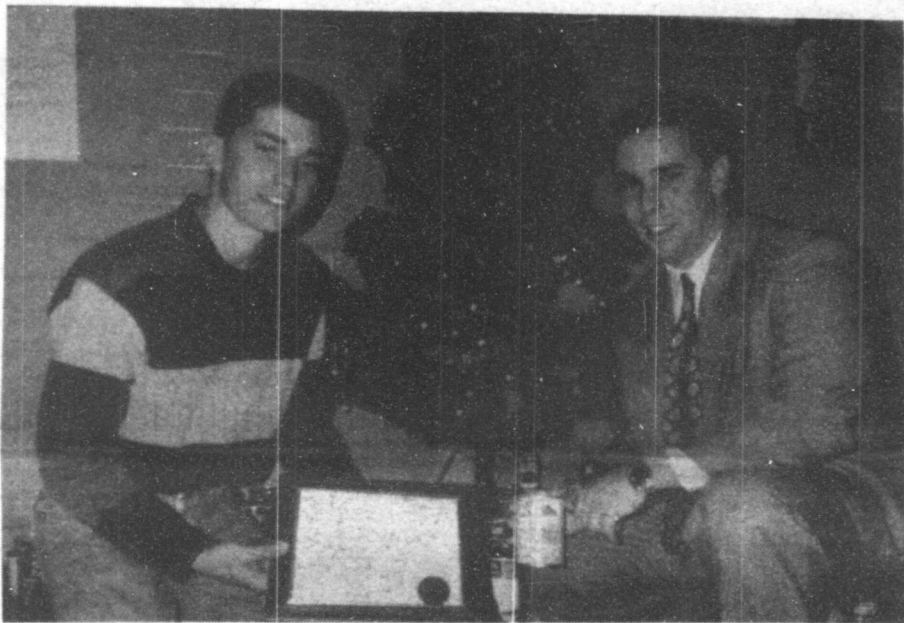
Receiving honorable mention were the Marvin Talley home and the Don Lyles home. The Talley home featured Santa's Workshop, candy canes, penguins, elves and, of

course, Mr. and Mrs. Santa. The Lyles home is decorated in traditional elegance with boughs of holly and greenery and twinkling lights.

The City of Groom appreciates all the hard work that went into these decorations.

Other Christmas activities have also culminated. All of the churches have held the youth Christmas programs. According to reports all were well attended by members and visitors.

The Groom Music Department at the school put on a wonderful holiday program last Thursday. See Concert, pg. 13



Council Food Drive Receives Commendation

Groom School's holiday program to help local charities collect food items for needy residents received special recognition during a Tuesday, December 14, 1993 ceremony that included the presentation of a certificate of appreciation by a representative of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's office.

Jennifer Crabtree,

director of Gramm's office in Lubbock, and James Webster of Gramm's Lubbock office, commended the school's program to help area charities, and presented a certificate of appreciation from Senator Gramm during the ceremony at the Groom School.

"The holiday season is traditionally a joyous

Americans whose lack of food, clothing, or housing renders them emotionally burdened and unable to rejoice. For America's truly needy, Christmas can be a very difficult experience characterized by depression, frustration, and loneliness. The hurt of going without is real for adults as well as children and becomes more significant at Christmas," the senator said.

"I am very thankful for the numerous organizations, such as Groom School, which invest exceptional effort to ease the holiday burden of the community's less fortunate. These projects not only reflect the caring compassion which exists in our society but also

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Brand Announces Bid For Sheriff

By Loren Brand
I was appointed as Carson County Sheriff in October of 1992 and as an appointment can only serve

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occasion for most Americans. The days are highlighted by gathering of family and friends to feast, fellowship, and exchange gifts around the Christmas tree. It is a time when humanity reflects on the joy brought into the world by the birth of a special child in Bethlehem," Gramm said.

"Unfortunately, there are

Community Calendar

GROOM ROUND Robin Tournament will be January 29 and 30. Come support the teams!

Did You Forget?

If you failed to get your Christmas Greeting in before the deadline. We invite you to stop by the Groom News Office. See our New Year's Greetings.

Bring In Your News

Be sure to jot down all your holiday visitors and get it to the News Office on January 3.

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Local Businesses Announce Closing Schedule For Holidays

The following businesses will close early for the holidays.
The City of Groom offices will be closed Friday and Monday, December 24th and 27th. They will also close December 31 for New Years.
The Groom Grocery will be closed at 4:00 pm on December 24th, and closed on Saturday. They will also close at 4:00 pm on December 31 and be closed all day, New Years.
Bivens Auto will close at noon on both December 24th and 31st. They will not open on Christmas Day or New Years Day.
The State National Bank will close all day Christmas Eve. New Years will see them keeping their regular hours.
Groom Hardware will close at noon on December 24, and be closed on Christmas Day. They will follow the same schedule on New Years.
The Dairy Queen will close only on Christmas Day.
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 23 - Marion Ritter, Bobby Babcock, Pool, Ruby Faye Latta, Larry Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Rebecca Conrad, Chantel Longway.
December 24 - Margie Stephens.
December 25 - Kristy Case, John Fraser III, Karen Bohr, Emmaline Hermesmeyer, Tina Knowles.
December 26 - Jerry Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis (A).
December 27 - Kevin Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Fields (A).
December 28 - Mamie

Local Happening

Sean, Michele and Jonathan Richey of San Angelo spent the week end with Rip and Joy Snyder.
In the continuing saga of the Hinson telephone story . . . This week we find out that Bill and Georgann will be allowed to keep their old phone number, 248-7081. General Telephone had a change of heart. Merry Christmas, Bill & Georgann.

Card Of Thanks
I am deeply grateful to my many friends and neighbors who have shown so much concern for me after my accident last week. Thank you for your many calls, cards and prayers.
Special thanks to Charlene Weller, Charlotte Whatley, Jay Lamb, Ada and Oran Durham and Dan Ashford for coming to my rescue. Also thanks to the White Deer Ambulance Department for their help that day, as well.
Lucille Merrick

Tigers & Tigerettes




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GOOD LUCK AT THE GROOM ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT

Carson County Sheriff Investigates Burglaries And Check Forgeries

By Loren Brand, Sheriff
There are currently fourteen persons incarcerated in the Carson County Jail. We have two persons awaiting transfer to the Texas Department of Corrections. One will be transferred during this month.

Our department has received four reports of physical or sexual abuse to children this past week. All matters are currently under investigation by our department and Child Protective Services. We have received an additional complaint

regarding check forgery which does not appear to be connected with other forgeries we were investigating earlier this month. In all cases, the checks belonged to persons outside Carson County, but all were cashed at businesses within the county.

The Sheriff's Department and Texas Highway Patrol arrested three subjects near Groom for suspicion of motor vehicle theft. When arrested the subjects were found to be carrying a handgun, a large quantity of alcoholic beverages which are presumed to be stolen

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and other items of property which may tie in with burglaries in Illinois. The vehicle, which was stolen from Springfield, Illinois, is impounded in Groom. All three suspects are being held in the Carson County Jail pending extradition to Illinois.

We are currently investigating reports of an individual trying to pass altered or counterfeit currency along Interstate 40. The subject is apparently trying to alter two-dollar bills to make them appear to be one hundred dollar bills. His work has not been successful so far.

The Sheriff's Department is investigating reports of persons selling meat products in the area without proper documentation or local approval. The best advice we can give potential customers is that anything that sounds like "too good of a deal" probably is. There are a number of scams that these people try to pull, but it can only be done with the cooperation of the victims. Your safest bet is to deal only with people you know and not to trust the sales pitch of someone who has a freezer sitting in the back of a pickup.

During this holiday season we have observed a number of known and suspected burglars in our area. While the good

citizens of our county are concentrating on preparations for Christmas, there are a number of predators who pass through Carson County looking for an opportunity to do some "one-stop-shopping" at your homes. Please make every effort to have your home appear to be occupied when you're absent and to secure windows and doors the best you can. There's probably no way to totally secure your home from someone who is determined to enter, but you can certainly make it as difficult as possible.

Our department has made several changes in our patrol coverage of the county which gives us more manpower during the evening hours and earlier into the mornings. We are focusing our patrols primarily on back roads and checking to see who is out at night. This is not meant as an inconvenience to residents. It's just the best way we have of trying to prevent crimes before they happen. While we may recognize your pickup or car, if we can't clearly see who is driving the vehicle, we would rather check to be sure that the proper person is behind the wheel rather than take a report from you in the morning after the vehicle is discovered to be stolen.

Services Held For Hilda Sanning

Hilda Sanning, 87, died December 13, 1993. Prayer services were held Tuesday, December 14 at Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw. Mass was Wednesday at Saint Hyacinth Catholic Church in Amarillo with Father Brendan Sherry officiating.

Burial was in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.

Miss Sanning, born in Mary's Home, Missouri, moved to Amarillo in 1935. She moved to Rio Rancho, New Mexico in 1969 and returned to Amarillo six months ago. She was a Secretary for the Corps of Engineers, retiring after 35

years. She was preceded in death by her sister, Vera Koetting on March 10, 1993 in Amarillo.

Miss Sanning is survived by one brother, Alfred B. Sanning, Eugene, Oregon; nine nieces and nephews, Alfred Koetting, Betty Tellman, Carol Saldana, Mary Fuller, all of Amarillo; Stanley Koetting, Fred Koetting, both of Lubbock; Charles Koetting, Colleyville, Texas; Mike Sanning, Dallas, Texas; and Glenda Harber, Kansas City, Missouri; 27 great-nieces and nephews; 11 great-great-nieces and nephews.

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Love,
Dede

Dear Santa,
I hope your doing fine. For Christmas this year. I'd like you to bring my little brother Nicholas a Power Ranger Doll. My mom looked everywhere and can't find him one. For myself I'd like a VCR, Hollywood Hair, and a Typewriter. And please bring all the children in the world, what they want for Christmas.
Love,
Heather Nicole Day

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing I'm not doing to well but it's ok. This year I don't want that much. I would like a pink, purple, and teal, 12 speed bike, a purple polaroid camera, pink and purple rollerblades, and a pink walkman with a Garth Brooks and Reba McIntire tape. And that's all. I think. Will you tell everyone I said "Hi"?
Love,
Stephany F.

Dear Santa,
My name is Robert and I am nine years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like for you to chose some gifts for me from this list: A walkie-talkie, command center, an army tank tent, a pohery wheel workshop, chemistry set.
Robert Newton

Dear Santa,
I want a Raja doll from Aladdin, a bunny doll and a Snow White doll. I love you Santa and I have been a good girl. My brother and sister have been good too. My favorite color is pink. My other favorite colors are yellow and purple.
Love,
Katy Britten

Dear Santa,
I want a diskette of games for my computer and a car with a remote control and a car set with a car wash. I also want goodies in my stocking. I have been good this year.
Love,
Neal Anthony

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, a real cat, a real reindeer for me to ride, and a play star. I've been good this year. I will leave you a frosted cake and some flowers on Christmas Eve. I live you Santa.
Love,
Jessica Claire Cline

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control four-wheel drive truck with a monster that has smoke coming out of his mouth and a new bike and roller skates. I have been good and I love you Santa.
Love,
Bryan Newton

Dear Santa,
I want a real Rudolph with a red nose, a water gun, also a bow and arrows a water spout, and a swimming pool. I will leave a fruit cake on Christmas Eve for you. I love you Santa you are great. I hope you bring what I want.
Love,
Frank Leven

Dear Santa,
I like you Santa you are nice. I want a race car. I like Rudolph and all your reindeer.
Love,
Brandon Jenkins

Dear Santa,
Christmas is fun because on Christmas you get toys. I want some Roller Blades and a tea set. I have been a good girl this year.
Love,
Sharri Britten

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby Check-up and a new stereo. I've been a good girl. I will leave some cookies out for you on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Malorie Homen

Dear Santa,
I like you Santa Claus. I want a baby doll and a new dog. My sister, Katy, likes you too and she wants a baby doll also. I'm being a big girl and a good girl.
Love,
Ellen Leven

Dear Santa,
I like you very much Santa. Will you bring me some presents? I would like a Barbie doll, a doll house and a baby doll and a Ken doll. My mama is making me a new stocking and you will see it when you come to my house.
Love,
Alyssa Watson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a Magna-Doodle, and a play bird. I love you Santa. I have been good this year. I also want a Kitty Surprise. you will find some cookies and milk at my house on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Jessica Dawn Cagle

SECOND GRADE:

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of roller blades and a horse. I am writing for Brett and Trever too. Brett wants some dinosaur books and a tractor set and a horse Trevor wants a 2 TL and a santuginus and a noo dog and a cat.
Love,
Kristen Brooks

Dear Santa,
I want a troll barbie, a playhouse. I want a Mom is having a new baby. And a little pet house. I want a cowgirl barbie. 3 ft. babil, pix-up barbie. I want a cherry baby. I want a skiper and the two twends.
Your friend,
Alicia

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I have been good this year. And I would like roller blades and I would like ice skates and I would like a - dug machine.
Your friend,
Toni Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo for Christmas. My sister Brittney wants a baby doll for Christmas. I have been good and my sister has been good and I do not no what else. I want a real tedy bear.
Love your friend,
Robyn Lynn Neal

Dear Santa,
I have been bad this year. But I still want stuff for Christmas. I want a Sega Genesis. I also want kin-kex. Please bring me tubes for my bike. I want a foot ball an a nintendo game. I want a Chevrolette Corvete and Monopoly. I want higher grades in school.
Your freind,
Clay

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a trampoline, a cap

gun. I want a Nintendo. I also want a Sega-Genesis. I want a game Monopoly. I also want a Chevrolette Corvete. I want higher grades in school. I want that new six wheel remote control car.
Love,
Blake

Dear Santa,
I want a black and gray horse. I also want a troll Barbie. I also want a Barbie House. I want Pink gak. I also want a radio for Christmas. I also want roller blades. James and the Gint Peach I want that too.

Happy Christmas,
Love,
Faith Looten

Dear Santa,
Can I have some new clothes. Can I have a new attitude. Can I have a copy of this. Can I have some shoes. Can I have a new attitude for my brother. Can I have a blob. Can I have some books. Can I have a game of Monopoly.
Your friend,
Jennifer Sue Jenkins

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a bike, a tractor, a radio, a stereo and Santa I also want a TV and can you please give me a truk.
Love,
Owen



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Dara Whatley hosted a Tea in her home for the Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls, Saturday, December 18, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Those in attendance enjoyed festive refreshments and a good time visiting.

In attendance were: Tiarra O'Dell, Karen Conrad, Katrina Meaker, Dusty Quisenberry, Sara Britten, Maggie Thomas, Renea and Melissa Anthony, Jenny Lewis, Kay Lynn Britten, Tami Ashford, Jessica Friemel, Angie Conrad, Tina Hubbard, Donna O'Dell, Marcia Conrad and Charlotte Whatley.

Letter
reveal the moral strength of the American people," Gramm said.

Puppet Show Presented

The Junior High Youth of First Baptist Church presented a puppet show on Sunday. Those participating were: Michael and Michele Stephens, Dara Whatley, Jodi Homen and Caleb Pool. Special services were led by Bryan Richardson. Bryan also performed solos during the services. Bea Stephens and Charlotte Whatley recited a poem e n t i t l e d "C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S."

Glynn D and Sybil Harrell attended the service at the United Methodist Church of Panhandle Sunday morning to hear the Cantata "Christmas! Sing of the Wonder" presented by the church choir and the afternoon program given by the children's department. Robert and Whitney Hightower, great-grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell took part in the play, "The Best Story Ever."

The Harrells also visited her sister, Mrs. C.F. Hood and in the home of their daughter, Louise and Bob Mulkey.

Groom Country Neighbors Meet In Harrells Home

Groom Country Neighbors social was Wednesday afternoon, December 8, in the home of Sybil Harrell.

Gifts brought for Girlstown Campus at Borger were displayed and packed for delivery.

The hostess gift was received by Diane Bruso.

Games of Skip Bo were played.

Others present were: Mamie Ritter, Theresa Wills, Wynona Koetting, and Emolea London.

Mrs. Bruso will host the January 12 meeting.

Allie and Norris Hoyt recently enjoyed a few quiet days at their home in Lake Greenbelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peek of English, and Shannon Peek of Amarillo spent the weekend in the home of Helen Witt. Becky Finley of Claude joined them for a pre-Christmas celebration Saturday afternoon.

Annual Christmas Coffee Held In Stephen's Home

The annual Christmas coffee hosted by Bea Stephens, Kay Stephens, Margaret Crowell and Margie Stephens was at the Jack Stephens home December 11th. The hostesses were assisted by Lola Briebresca, Lori Stephens and Michele Stephens.

The guests were served punch, coffee and Christmas goodies from a table centered with an arrangement of holly.

Those attending were: Nadine Thornton, Janelle Sustaire, Charlotte Whatley, Toni Pavlovsky, Dara Whatley, Oma Schaffer, Mary Quisenberry, David Quisenberry, Ruby Babcock, Doris Homer, Jeanie Palmateer, Barbara Fraser, Nancy Paronto, JoAnn

Helen Witt attended a birthday party for Mildred Speer at the home of Pauline Robertson in Amarillo Sunday afternoon. Guests were members of the Hi-Plains Poetry Chapter.

A report has been received by the News that Nell Britten is in High Plains Hospital in Amarillo.

Joanie Ritter, Mamie Ritter, Sybil Harrell, Truman Goodlett, Nita Jackson, Connie Fields, Vonnie Barker, Pearl Babcock, Linda Fields, Marion Kendrick, Alice Britten, Michele Crowell, Vivian Lacy, Mary Gruben, Hilda Duncan, Susan Brown, Linda Lee Richardson, Margie Anthony, Roselle Collingsworth, Evelyn Ollinger, Barbara Homer, Myra Carlisle, Leslie Crowell, Lauren Crowell, Mildred Burgin, Dondra Downs, Mamie Poole, Karen Brown, Evelyn Schaffer, Joyce Hutsell, Pam Hutsell, Jana Vinson, Jack Stephens and Alan

Britten, Helen Wade, Betty Hudson, Jaundell Ritter,

Alphas Mu Xi Enjoys Supper At Stephens

The Alpha Mu Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Thursday, December 9 in the home of Beverly Stephens. They enjoyed a delicious salad supper with eggnog served by Beverly and her co-hostess Donna Crump. After a short business meeting, the group held their secret sister gift exchange. Members present were: Debbie Anthony, Cindy Babcock, Tammy Bivens, Donna Crump, Marcia Davis, Judy Eatmon, Barbara Homer, Nancy Patterson, and Beverly Stephens.

Granddaughter Graduates

Glynn E and Sybil Harrell attended the Convocation for associate degree nursing students in Ordway Auditorium on the Amarillo College campus Wednesday evening, December 15.

Their granddaughter, Sara-Allyson Hightower of Panhandle, was among the 88 graduates receiving pins.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell hosted a family dinner at the Olive Garden following the program.

Those present were: Steven Hightower, Robert and Whitney, Louise and Bob Mulkey, all of Panhandle; Beverly Ingram of Amarillo; the honoree and the hosts.

Whatley Family Christmas Held

Christmas was enjoyed by the Curtis Whatley family on Sunday, December 19, in the home of Curtis Whatley and Darrell Whatley. Family enjoyed a lovely meal in the home of Curtis and Margaret Whatley and gifts were exchanged in the home of Darrell and Charlotte Whatley.

Those in attendance were: Ron, Debbie, Tisha and Cameron Tigg of Amarillo, Darin, Jamie, Johnny and Brandon Wheeler of Oklahoma, Jenny Lewis of Groom, Sheila Whatley and friend Kim of Amarillo, Howell, Sharlene, Michael and Jeremy Lewis, Darrell, Charlotte, C.J. and Dara Whatley of Groom, Curtis and Margaret Whatley of Groom.

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A time when strangers were welcomed
with open arms,
A time to sing God's many praises
in hymns and psalms.

In these modern times,
it's good to remember,
The gentler days of
past Decembers
Though some things never
change, it's true...
Like our deep felt thanks
for friends like you!

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Nadine Thornton, Bob West, Dewey Cave, Brett Bynum,
David Britten, & Janelle Sustaire

Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Sega Genesis. Please bring me a styrafoam airplane. Please get me a math book with 10,000 pages. Please Santa Clawse get me a Harly Davidson with like fire down the side. Please bring me the fastest remote control car in the world. Please Santa Claws bring me a four wheeler.
Love,
Cody

Dear Santa,
I want baby all gone and the taling playhouse please get it. I want baby check up and some tapes that Randy Travis sing. I want pink gak and Barbie house. I want a radio and the troll Barbie and roler blades.
Love,
Brittney Martin

Dear Santa,
Meery Christmas All I really want is a teddy, but what I want most is a new pair of roller blades and some Gak. I've been really good this year.
Thanks Santa.
Sincerely,
Lorri Britten

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a notebook. I would also like a Cabbage Pach Drill. For this Christmas I would like to be a happy one. I would like for everybody in the world to have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Caren

Dear Santa,
I've been good because I've been doing my home work. I will like something for Christmas like a painting dauling barbie. I will also like cowgril barbie with her brown horse. Oh: I will also like a super Nintendo and 3 gaks. I will also like some tapes with the Super Nintendo. Oh ya! I forgot about the mamas having a baby. I will also like a play Chevrolette Corvette and a 3 ft barbie doll. Roller skats and roller blades. And baby uh oh. Also I will like the bord game Moropoly. I also want barbie contrl car. Also I will like a glass carl for my Grandma, so just put Lillian May Brown on it.
Love,
Beth Wakefield
Thank you

Dear Santa,
How are things going at the North Pole? All I want for Christmas is a John Deere tractor with a scoop and three attachments. The three attachments I want are a crate loader, a claw, and a hay loader. Make sure all the homeless and poor people get something for Christmas. Thank you.
Love,
Trey

Dear Santa,
I want a few things like a new bike, and a shotgun, and a new football, with football gloves. One more thing that I want is ninety nine trillion dollars. Thank you for your cooperation.
Your friend,
Hugh

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo and a T.V. for Christmas very much. And I also want a pair of pants. Thank you,
Love,
Stacie

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? I want a C.D. player for Christmas and some C.D. tapes to go with it. The C.D.'s are Mariah Carrie and D.C. Falk. I also want a clown and a Mickey Mouse watch. I want a clock to wake me up in the morning because I never get up for school. In my stocking I want candy and some earrings. I will see you next Christmas.
Love,
Krisanne
P.S. Come back next year for Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I want a real power tool shop and a twenty two long rifle. I would also like two billion dollars and to own Texas Stadium, and the Dallas Cowboys. If you could possibly give me the world I would want that too. A few more things I would like are a new football, a real football suit, and a power football team in Groom. Thank you for your cooperation.
Your friend,
Wyatt

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? All I want for Christmas is a computer with a printer and a nerf football. I also want

a red watch or gold watch. I would also like a Game boy with the game Tetres with it. I hope you enjoy the Christmas holiday.
Thanks!
Yours truly,
Karri Britten

Dear Santa,
This year I don't want very many things. All I want is a knitting kit so I can make a blanket. I also want some gak but my mom thinks it's too slimy. The last thing I want is Fashion magic. You can make bows and jewelry out of it.
Your friend,
Candace

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? I've been wanting an erector set. I also want a new basketball. If you don't mind me asking I would like a new Two Forty Three.
Sincerely yours,
Shawn
P.S. With the Two Forty Three would you throw in a strap?

Dear Santa,
I have been extra good this year. I don't want much but what I do want is pretty expensive. What I want most is a bicycle and a football tape for my Sega. Other things I want are some shoes, a football, and a pair of gloves. Thanks for you cooperation.
Sincerely yours,
Garrett Britten
P.S. How are you're reindeer doing?

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I don't want much this year but this is what I do want. A computer, clothes, game boy tape, and I also want a radio tape. That is what I want for Christmas.
Sincerely yours,
Cassie Ashford

Dear Santa,
I think you are a busy man because you go all over the United States. I want a new bike, a football, 6,000 dollars, Sega, and a race car track, a set of tapes, and a radio.
Love,
Dennis

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want an Eliminator and a Hi-Jacker. That is all I want for Christmas.
Love,
Cody

Dear Saint Nick,
I have been a good boy and I want a Sony CD player and an extra CD. Also I want a set of tapes, an air pump, and also a big erector set to build and rebuild. Also I want a small computer, with a mouse, and disks and I hope I get most of these to add to the fourteen that are already under my Christmas tree.
Your believer,
Luke

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole. I hope things are doing all right.
I want a Remington 3030 and some bullets and a scope on it. I also want a John Dear plow and a planter. I want a tractor with a bailer. I also want some new basketball shoes.
Love,
Ross Anthony Brooks

Dear Santa,
This year I just want a few things. I want a new clown to put with my old ones. I want a backwards Goofy watch, and most importantly, I want every child in the world to have a dog.
Love,
Candra

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and the game Family Feud with it. I also want a Mickey Mouse watch cause I am a Mickey fan. I have been a good girl think. That is all I can think of.
Love,
Nichole



May our wonderful God bring to each of you His love and His blessings, too! Have a joyous and prosperous New Year.
Earl & Vonnice Barker

Christmas Greetings

A Christmas Wish! That you and those you love will enjoy the best Christmas ever.
Essie Knowles

Wishing all our good friends a holiday filled with love and laughter.
Joe & Barney Davis

May the Peace and Joy of Christmas time be with you the whole year through.
Ruby Milton

In the spirit of the season we wish all our good friends a very Merry Christmas.
Donald & Juandell Ritter

We wish you happiness and serenity this holiday season and always.
Marvin & Katie Talley

Wishing you love, happiness, peace and joy throughout the Holiday Season. Merry Christmas to all.
Bob, Kim, Robby, Josh, Whitney & Britney Evenson

Wishing all our friends a holiday filled with good cheer.
Betty Rae, Heather & Kevin Brown

Here's hoping you have the very best Christmas ever.
Jerry, Leslie, Bryan, Sean, Evan & Lauren Crowell

We wish you a season of beautiful Christmas moments and lasting memories to treasure always.
Jack, Willie & Suni Barnett

May the peace and happiness of Christmas be yours today and everyday throughout the coming year.
Emalea London

May the blessings and good wishes of Christmas be with each of you.
Wallace & Jackie Bichsel

We hope this joyous time brings you all the goodness of the Yuletide.
Greg, Belinda, Brooke, Clay & Morgan Britten

Glad tidings to all. Hope you experience the best that this special season has to offer.
Jimmy Britten

God bless each of you at Christmastide and throughout the New Year.
Bertha Knight

A hope is rekindled in hearts everywhere, may you and yours enjoy a happy holiday season.
Bunny, David & Andy York

May you and yours enjoy the spirit of the season which is peace, hope, and love.
Bill, Rose & Phillip England

In this glad season of Christmas, may we send to you the best wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wills & Floyd, Mrs. R.W. Wills

In this glad season of Christmas, may we send to you the best wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Tony, Wamyth Britten
Karri, Lorri, Sharri, Korri

May Christmas bring to you the music of laughter, the warmth of friendship, and the spirit of love.
Steve, Debbie, Nicholas and Neal Anthony

This brings a prayer at Christmas time that God will always bless your home and you and those you love with lasting happiness.
LaVeda, Kecia, & Alicia Wood

May peace be with you this joyous holiday season as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace.
Nell Britten

Wishing you the joys of the Season and every Happiness in the New Year.
Truman & Crim Goodlett

May our wonderful God bring to each of you His love and His blessings, too! Have a joyous and prosperous New Year.
Theresa Hermesmeier

May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you now and always. Have a wonderful holiday season.
Kenneth & Betty Black

"Joy to you and yours."
John, Glenda & Jason Eschle in Lubbock
Darron, Brandi and Madison in Carrollton, Texas
& Erin Kate Eschle in Irving, Texas

We wish you the Merriest Christmas ever and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.
The Heltons

Greeting

This Christmas and always, may you know that He alone is our peace. Merry Christmas.
Jack and Billie Bivens

May the message of this season be with all of us during 1994.
Ralph & Joyce Hutsell

May the spirit of the Christ Child strengthen and brighten your life and bring you countless blessings.
W.H. & Evelyn Ollinger

Hope Your Season Is A Blast!
A jolly good time to all.

Danny & Cathy Ashford



Wishing You The Best Of The Season

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Thinking of everyone at Christmas time and wishing you all every joy.
Dr. Gaylon, Lenora, John, & Kristy Nepper of Omaha, Nebraska

May the special meaning of Christmas remain with you throughout the year.
Gary, Cindy, Marci, Cody, & Tyler Babcock

At this Holy season, May we wish you and yours every blessing.
Martin & Betty Hermesmeyer



God be with you and bless you at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.
Mary Lou Homer

Wishing all a blessed Christmas with gifts of love and laughter and peace unending.
Sambo, Adela & Halee Kotara

May this sacred season bring its finest blessings to you and those you love.
June Pool

Happy Holidays

We wish you a season of Beautiful Christmas moments - lasting memories to treasure always!

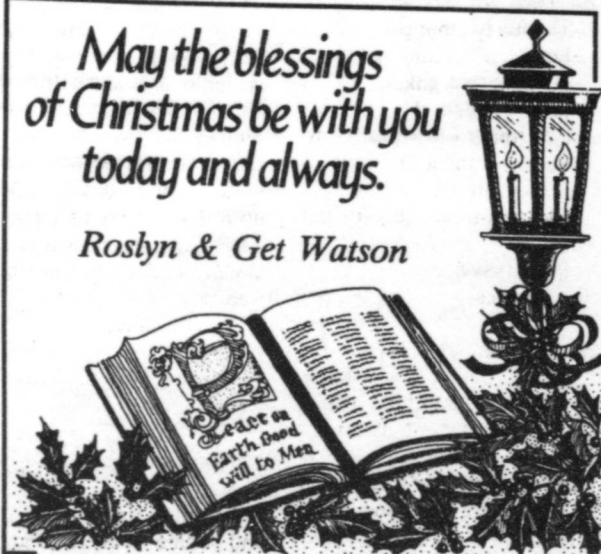
Armstrong Trucking

K. Ray & Sylvia



May the blessings of Christmas be with you today and always.

Roslyn & Get Watson



Let's Paint The Town Red (and Green)

Our very best wishes for a colorful and enchanting season.

The Country Junction
Sandra & Margie



JOY TO THE WORLD!



To all our valued customers we offer our gratitude and good wishes for a happy holiday season.

Bivens Automotive
Mark, Tammy, Jack, Randy & Donna



May love and peace fill your heart and home.

Bud & Margaret Babcock



Santa's helpers are here to say,
"Have A Happy Christmas Day!"

As for us, we thank you so, You've been such a pleasure to serve and know!

Al & Agnes Homer

...And To All A Good Night!
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa's coming and on his sleigh, are a few words of greetings to brighten your day. May peace be with you wherever you go - we think you're a great bunch of people to know!

The Groom McLean News

Phil, Donna,
Jo Ann, Jodie,
& Mary Lou



We Know Who's Been Nice...

And we'd like to acknowledge you by extending our very warmest wishes for a very, merry season. It's always a pleasure to serve you.

Pav's Service

Pav, Toni,
Luke & Jeff



AMY ANDREW ALICE BETTY BOB

FRANK MARY PAT PATTY SAM SALLY TOM TESS TRACY

DASHER DANCER FRANGER VIXEN

MARK TRAVIS

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
I would like a hot wheels race set, a bicycle, a motor cycle toy, cowboy chaps, and a gun with metal bullets.

Have a Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Thane

Dear Santa,
I would like a magna doodle, a basketball goal, a keyboard, and a race car.

My daddy wants a Barbie doll!!!

I'm trying to be a very good boy!

Love,
Chad

Dear Santa,
I have been a real good girl this year. This year for Christmas I would like a pony surprise, a new stick horse, some Bryer horse models and some cartoon video tapes. I will leve you some chocolate chip cookies and milk and some sugar cubes for Rudolph and the other reindeer.

Thank you,
Love Chantel Longway

Paul's Christmas List
Hacky-sack, Indigloe Watch ... (Brown-leather-band...and green light). New pair of boots (midnight blue).

Total 3 things about \$81 dollars.

Thanks Paul, Don't forget.

Dear Santa,
Please get me those things and a Merry Christmas keep it up.

P.S. Thanks
Paul Weinheimer

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a black and gray horse. I want it to be in the front yard.

Love,
Faith Looten

Dear Santa,
Boy have I been good!! I would like a Santa game and a jeep, please Santa, I

also would like shoes with lights and a batmobile thats all, I promise.

You might throw in a free Willy tape too.

See you soon,
Kade Brown

Dear Santa Cluse,
I am inclosing a letter of all I want for Christmas. it is not a big list since I was very naughty girl this year.

"Denis the Minis", Bible Cover, Earrings, Pentials, Leather Braided Headband, Batovens 5th cinvine.

Thanks for any gift.

Love,
A really nice girl,
Sarah Looten
P.S. Merry Christmas!

Season Greetings

God Bless each of you through the holidays.
Stella Patterson

At this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year, may you be blessed with good health and happiness.

Doris & Arnold Kuehler

May you sense His Love and goodness in a very special way this Christmas season. Merry Christmas to One & All,

Randal, Nancy, Heather & Rhett Patterson

May every happiness be yours at Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Gene & Edith Wade

Wishing you the best gift of the season, Happiness always, Merry Christmas to all.

Sybil Brown

Wishing you the best the season has to offer. Merry Christmas.

Richard, Donna Crump & Family

Christmas joy and a New Year filled with happiness and peace.

Marvin & Jean Morrow

Wishing you the finest gifts of Christmas. Peace, Love and Joy!

Wynona Koetting



CHECKING IT TWICE

When it comes to what we'd like for Christmas, your continued friendship is at the top of the list.

David & Diane Bruso

Hope Your Season Is A Blast!
A jolly good time to all
Merry Christmas To All
Helen Witt

Dear Santa,
I hope you sing me a loby for Charisms and two white horse.

Dear Santa
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Joys of Christmas
To all our many friends — may you enjoy the happiest holiday ever!
Donna & Dean Burger

Season's Greetings
Erma & Page Blackwell

S. CLAUS
YOU'RE ON SANTA'S LIST
...And ours, too! We're sending our best holiday wishes for a season filled with happiness and cheer.
Ronny & Linda Fields
Kim & Roni

FELIZ NAVIDAD
Bobby & Judy Babcock

To Floyd with Love
Christmas greetings from our crew to yours.
We'd be lost without a son like you.
FROM DAD
From Mom
Theresa
WILKS

Cheer
Blessings to you and your loved ones at this joyous season.
Jerry, Pam, Nick, Tami & Cassie Ashford

The Lord Is Come
It brings us great joy to celebrate with friends so loving and true. Have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday.
John, Janice & Sheridan
Brent Amber & Ramsye

"Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King;"
Greetings and thanks from us to every one of you for your kind patronage and wonderful friendship.
Keith Barkley Automotive & Images
Keith, Kathleen, Chance, Thane, Chad

Our Spirits Are Soaring
Christmastime is near!
May your joy know no bounds this holiday season.
Craig, Monica Caren, Kecia, & Karla Harris & Cleta Howard

I've Been Real Good

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope the answer is fine. Are you ready for Christmas? I am. This year if your not to busy I would like a few things for Christmas. i would like a stereo and the movie

Homeward Bound, then two coloring books. Now that will be all. I have to go now. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love,
Amanda Lee Martin

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you can get here because I really want roller blades and a hat, knee pads, and elbow pads. That is all.
Thank You Santa,
from Lainie

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? Can I tell you

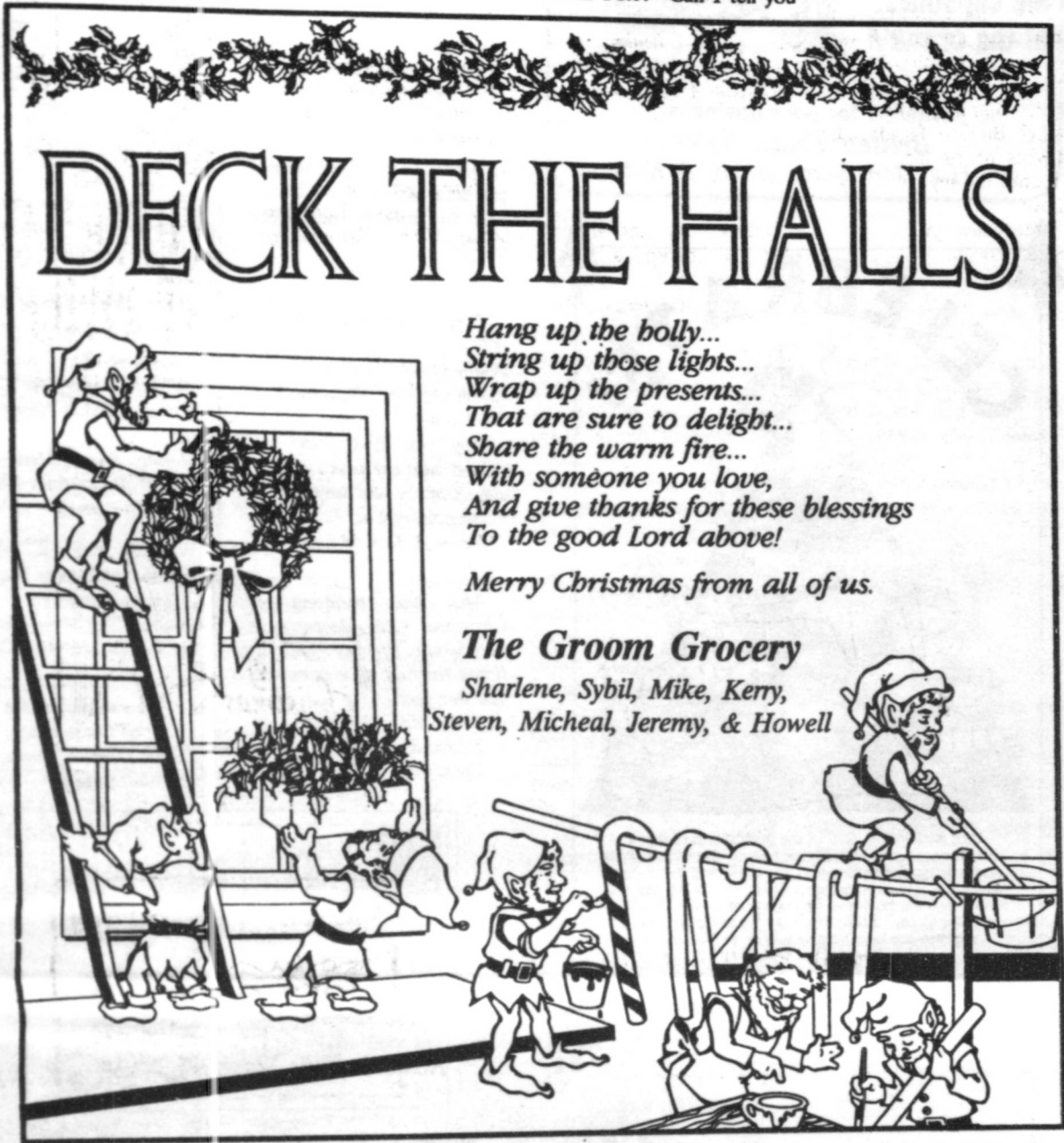
what I want. I want a power tool cutter that cuts wood and a basketball and a football and that's all. Well I have got to go now bye, And have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Brett

Dear Santa,
How are you doing in the North Pole? I am doing fine in Groom. I would like a sewing machine, a Video painter. In my stocking I would like some colored pins and some "Gak" and lots of candy, like candy canes and M and M's and lots more. I would also like some clothes and a geography game to play with and some roller blades. Thank you for what you give me.
Love
Lauren Crowell

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How are you this

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year? I want a mega box for Chirsmas. I also want a Mighty Morfih Power Ranger, a rifle. Bye.
Your friend,
Richard

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? When you get time I want you to read my letter. Here is what I want. A C.D. player and a Beach Boy Set. Just one more thing that is a C.D. case. Well I have to go and I bet you do too. Bye see you next year.
Love,
Staci Britten

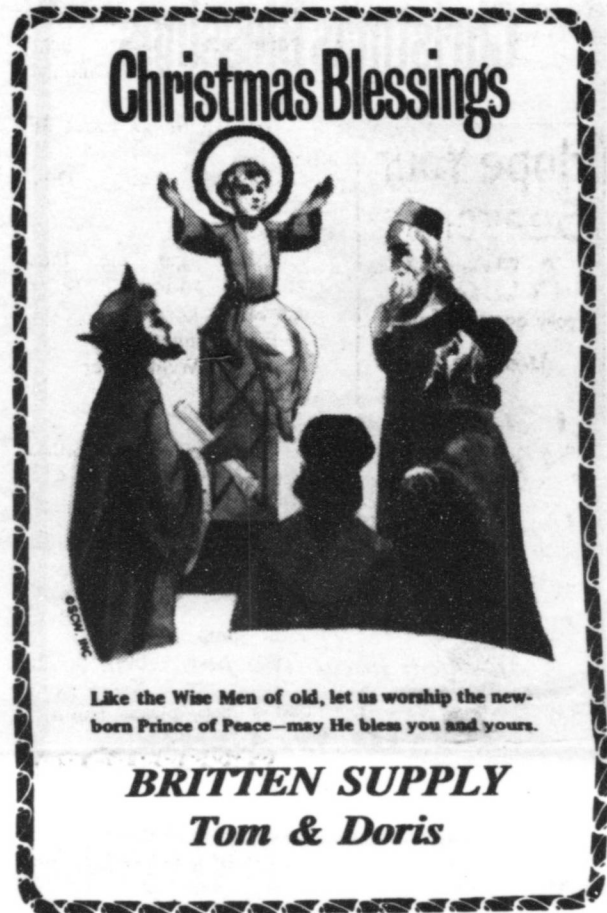


DECK THE HALLS

*Hang up the bolly...
String up those lights...
Wrap up the presents...
That are sure to delight...
Share the warm fire...
With someone you love,
And give thanks for these blessings
To the good Lord above!*

Merry Christmas from all of us.

The Groom Grocery
Sharlene, Sybil, Mike, Kerry,
Steven, Micheal, Jeremy, & Howell




Christmas Blessings

Like the Wise Men of old, let us worship the new-born Prince of Peace—may He bless you and yours.

BRITTEN SUPPLY
Tom & Doris

Happy Holidays

May the holiday season and the coming new year bring you happiness and joy!



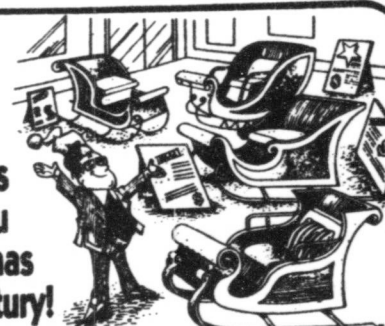
Mora Grain Company

SANTA'S HITTING THE TRAIL!
Here's hoping you and your family
ropo up a season of joy!

Larry,
Karen,
& Skye
Brown



We're
revin' up
our engines
to wish you
the Christmas
of the century!



Thanks for your business.
Britten Truck Sales
Hop, Jan, Sara, Travis, & Katy

Holiday Messages

We want to wish you and yours the happiest of Christmases and a prosperous New Year.
Larry, Kay, Adam & Lori Stephens

Wishing you the happiness during the holidays and throughout the New Year.
Johnny & Nadine Lee

Warm and friendly greetings for Christmas and the New Year.
Zoah Britten

To our loved ones in Groom . . . We're missing you and wishing you the very best the holiday season has to offer.
Doshia Cornett

May your Christmas and New Year be filled with peace, happiness and love.
Max Helen Wade

May you and yours be blessed with the peace of this season of joy and love.
Don, Mary Sue, Julie Aimee & Darcee Lyles

May the meaning of Christmas be deeper, its friendships stronger and its hopes brighter as it comes to you this year.
Tony, Mary, Melissa, Trisha & Daniel Treadwell

Season's Greetings from
Glynn D & Sybil Harrell

May the happiness of Christmas be in your heart to stay, and to brighten all your moments long after Christmas day.
The Ernest Wellers

Thinking of you at Christmas and wishing you all the pleasures of the season.
Brent, Bea, Michael & Michele Stephens

Wishing everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Jimmy, Susan, Melinda, Krista & Courtney Burgin

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and may the joy of this season last throughout the New Year.
George & Dorothy Clark

Let us remember the true meaning of Christmas.
Curtis, Dondra, Denai & Collin Downs


Christmas Blessings



May you know His peace at Christmas.

DAVID W. CORY
C.P.A.


CELEBRATE!



Let's bask in the glory of the season and all that it encompasses...the warmth and beauty, the festive sights and sounds, the sharing and the giving and the special feeling of contentment that is Christmas. As we trim the trees, hang the holly and sing songs of a merry Yuletide, we'd like to say "thanks" for your valued patronage and express our best holiday wishes to one and all!

Tina's Hair Care-A-Sel
Tony & Tina Painter

May the blessings of Christmas abide with you



Roxie & Ellis Stapp

LOVE PEACE LOVE PEACE LOVE PEACE LOVE

Catch The Spirit...

Attebury Grain Company

There's Enough Good Will To Go Around!

Peace. Hope. Charity.
Brotherhood. Compassion.
Harmony.

No matter what language they may speak, people everywhere want the same basic freedoms.

This season let us all remember that it's not what keeps us apart, but what draws us together.

Season's Greetings And Much Joy To All Our Friends & Neighbors

Bob, Tony, Judy, Wes, Jesse,
Kenny, Corky, John, Melanie
& Betty Rae



LOVE PEACE LOVE PEACE LOVE PEACE LOVE

Dear Santa



Irene Kotara
& Sandra McWherter

FIRST GRADE:

Dear Santa,
I want two white and black horses and poot the two white and black horses in the frunt yard. I want My Sisz Barbie and I want a pool. I want a new puppy and I want two new kittens and a mother cat. I want a new clos and a curering book and markers. I want pony supris and kitey supris and puppy supris and a barbie house and My Playful Dollhouse. I want a new desk and a chair.
Love,
Leah

Dear Santa,
I want a mother horse and a Daddy horse and a sister horse and a bruther horse. I want a fish bol for my fish and I want a lot of presints. I want a puppy for Christmas and I want a lot of kitins for Christmas. I want my Sis Barbie and I want ten dolers. I want a zoo and I want a Paintset. I want a farm and I want a playground and I want a mall. I want a ball and I want a lake. I want a library.
Love,
Catherine

and I want ten books. I want hol lot of pies to eat.
Love,
Brent

Dear Santa,
I want very many things for Christmas. I want a stalyon and my size barbie and a desk. I want a pony superise and kitty superise and puppy superise and a pair of beauty and the beast rolerskats. I want a real cat and a coley dcg and a nice tiger and a unicorn and a trampling.
Love,
Ashley

the mask of the one I got last year is broken and it has a blak soot. I want the Joker with the purple coat.
Love,
Adam

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed cat like Yellower and Butterfly and a stuffed dog like Cesh and Ginger and a stuffed unicorn. I want red and black and white shoes. I want a red and black and white cherleding soot and red and black and pompoms. I want a stuffed raindear. I want a stuffed black dalmashen. I want a pony surpris and a kitten surpris too. I want a glitter beach barbie. I want sum jooly and my cat, Yellower back.
Love,
Magan

Dear Santa,
I want a car to colect in my colescshen and a radio with earfons. I want one of thos key forses. I've ben wanting a toy magic set with a hat onley if you can find it. I want a bisicl and I want a hors if you can find one. I want a black car like my fourwheeler ecept I want one that I don't hav to charg up to ride it.
Love,
Chance

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a fake robot and a GI Joe. Hav a good New Year.
Love,
Jash Hubbard

THIRD GRADE:

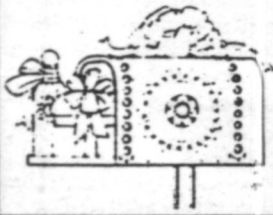
Dear Santa Claus,
How is the North Pole? This Christmas I would like a T.V. and a V.C.R. Also I would like a breif case and while your doing that I want some jewelry. How are your elves doing and your reindeer?
Your friend,
Bryn

Dear Santa,
All I want is a stero and a Nerf Arrow Storm and a football and white snow.
Bye Santa,
Love,
Jesse

Dear Santa,
How is it up in the North Pole? If you have time I would like a bike, shoes, and a radio.
P.S. if you come there will be some milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Andrew Huddleston

BEST WISHES

Bob Cornett



Dear Santa,
I want a barbie doll and I want a barbie car and I want a barbie house and a barbie swimmingpool. I wnt rolerskats and I want a cat thay my dog will not chas and will play with it. I want a jumprop and I want a biger school and I want a culering book. I want a happy Christmas and I want a best friend. I want a hol lot of books that I can read. I want Christmas to cum soon and I want a hol lot of peppl in our clas.
Love,
Nannette

Dear Santa,
I know you are busy and making toys for all the kids. I was busy to. You are nice and I got my picture made with Santa. On Christmas Eve you'll be ready to go to everybodys house with lots of presents and some will be panted and some will be pretty and some will be scary and some will be brakeabol.

You'll go to every town and state and country and I hope all your raindeer don't crash and get stuke on houses in the fog. I hope you get to mine without braking iny thing and not knok our Christmas tree over and wake everybody up. Please sing me a lulabi.
Love,
Aaron

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie modorsikl and I want new cios and I want a puppy. I want My Sis Barbie and I want a ril Christmas tree. I want a new ring and I want new earings and I want a new horse. I want a ril new house and I want a ril baby sister. I want a stufed tiger. I want a zoo. I want library. I want a paintset. I want a farm. I want a mall. I want a Ball.
Love,
Chera

Dear Santa,
I want the batmobile that can turn into the Batjet. I want the batcave. I want the CD of Toby Keth. I want a four wheeller. I want a horse. I want the scaircroe on Batman. I wnt the twoface on Batman to. I want a black marker that ses MARks a Lot. I want a new coloring book. I want a new Broos Wane becus

Bright Wishes To You

Joe, Barbara, Daryl, Robert, Stanley
Tony, B.J., & Zach Homer



Glory To The Newborn King

Best wishes from us.



Amos & Loretta Britten



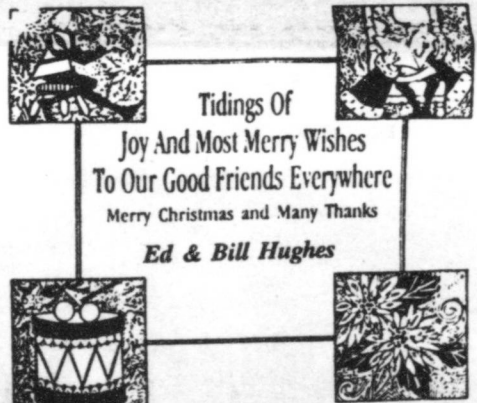
Mike, Marla, Macie, Wyatt, & Lainie Britten



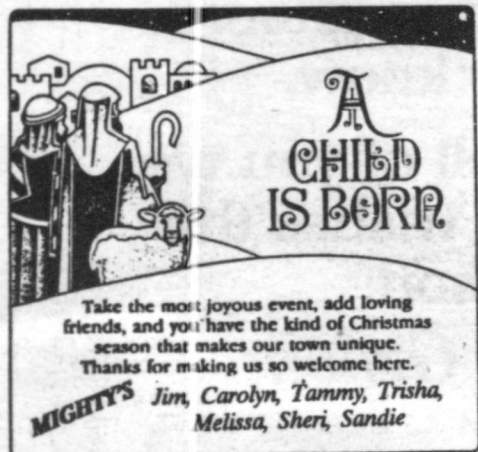
GREETINGS!

Knowing people like you makes the season a lot jollier for us. Merry Christmas and thanks for being a good neighbor.

KEITH, SHIRLEY, MATT & STACY FIELDS



Tidings Of Joy And Most Merry Wishes To Our Good Friends Everywhere Merry Christmas and Many Thanks
Ed & Bill Hughes



Take the most joyous event, add loving friends, and you have the kind of Christmas season that makes our town unique. Thanks for making us so welcome here.
MIGHTY'S Jim, Carolyn, Tammy, Trisha, Melissa, Sheri, Sandie



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa's taking time out to wish everyone a very happy holiday!

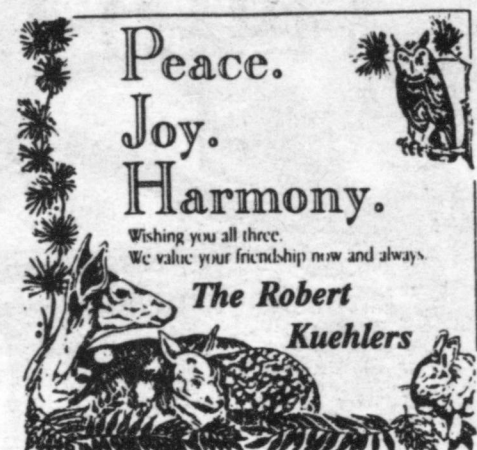
To All, From Rip & Joy Snyder Jerry, Carolyn & Hallie Snyder Truman & Nina Ritchie; Shawn & Michele & Jonathan Ritchie Cory & Jennifer Ritchie



SILENT NIGHT

The joy of giving and sharing makes this Holy Season truly the most beautiful.

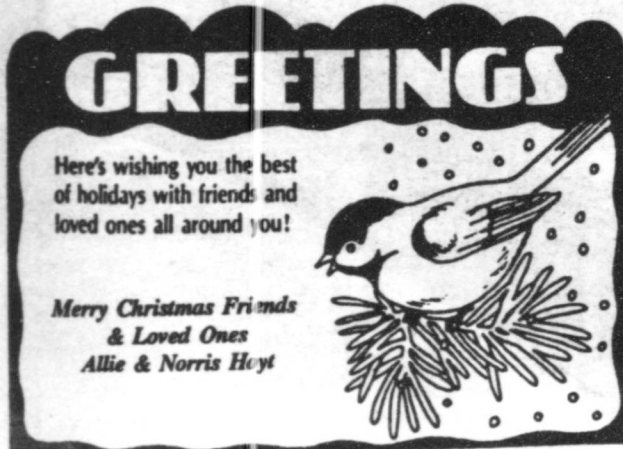
Bill & Georgann Hinson



Peace. Joy. Harmony.

Wishing you all three. We value your friendship now and always.

The Robert Kuehlers



GREETINGS

Here's wishing you the best of holidays with friends and loved ones all around you!

Merry Christmas Friends & Loved Ones Allie & Norris Hoyt



May the blessings of Christmas be with you today and always.

Gary, Julie, Melanie Jessica & Trevor Friemel

All I Want For Christmas Is

Season Greetings

Dear Santa,
How is the weather in the North Pole? I hope I am not bothering you. I just wanted to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a diary, stereo, lasers, and triplet babies. That's all I want. Please give them to me. Thank you. I hope you have a nice Christmas.
Sincerely,
Heather

Dear Santa,
What are you doing at the North Pole? Are your elves doing on all the toy? I can't wait tell you come to town and deliver all the presents. Now do you mind if I tell you what I want? I want a doll, charmbracelet, sleeping bag, and a ring. Well that's all the things I want. Have a Merry Christmas and thanks for letting me tell you what I

want, Bye.
Love,
Jill

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing in the North Pole? I am doing great. If your elves have time to make me a few things, that would be great! What I want is a Polly Pocket or roler blades. If I am not being a good girl then get me the one that costs less. Have a Merry Christmas and thank you.
Love,
Amanda Conrad

Well I guess I better tell you what I want. I want a Sega, some tools and that's all. What do you want?
Your friend,
Doug

May your Holidays be filled with Peace, Love and Joy and May the New Year bring you Health and Happiness.
Oma Schaffer

May Christmas and the New Year bring you joyful hours, pleasant memories, thoughts of friends, and Much Happiness.
Ruby Swank
Ft. Wayne, In.

Here Comes Santa...

And he's bringing our very best wishes your way.
Merry Christmas, friends.
Jigger, Sandra, Trey & Staci
Nathan, Sherri, & Madalyn
Don & Margie
Jamie,
Michael
& David

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you ready for Christmas? I am.



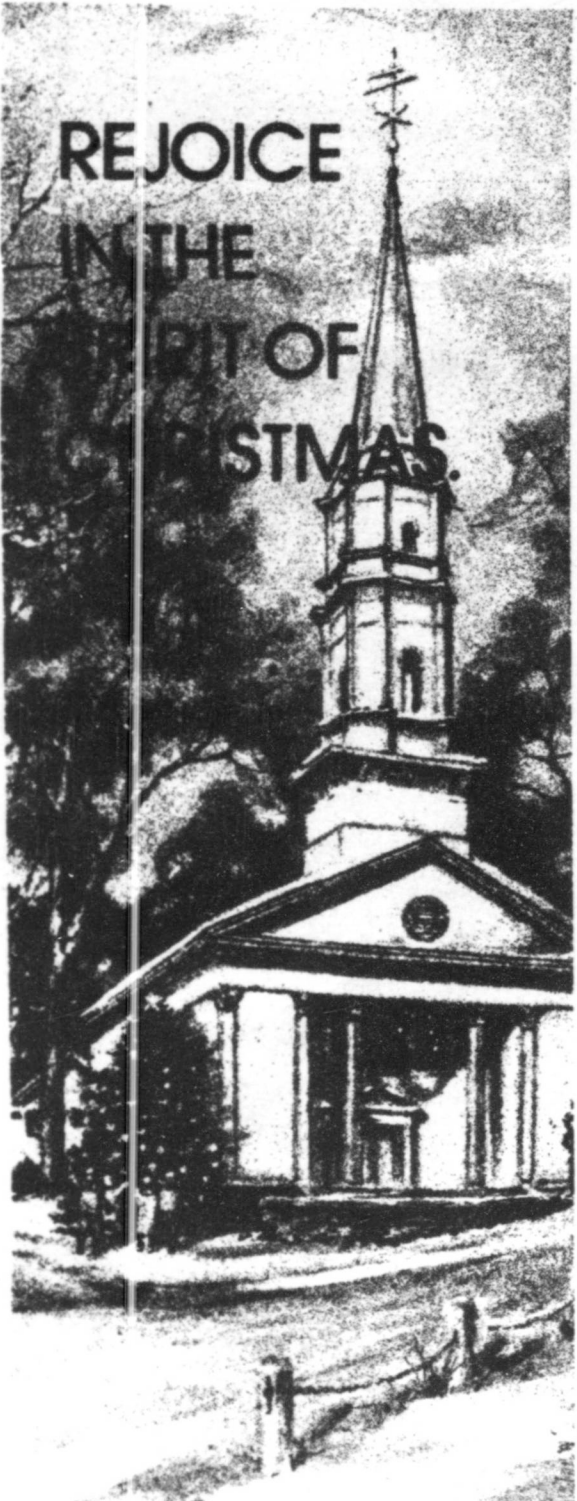
May Your Season
Deliver Bundles
Of Cheer!

The Darrell Whatleys

Happy holiday wishes to all our wonderful customers. We have enjoyed serving you in the past and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Bill, Norma Jean,
& Travis Homer
Eileen McConnell, Vernie Watson,
Dan Martin, & Sharon Prather

Stop N Shop



REJOICE
IN THE
SPIRIT OF
CHRISTMAS

First Baptist Church

It's A Wonderful Life

...When You Live In This Town!

We're proud to be part of this fine community and are thankful for the many good neighbors we've come to know.

From all of us, to all of you we send our very best wishes this holiday season.

The City Of Groom

Greg Lamb, Ronny Fields, Jerry Thornton, Bill Homer,
Bob Cornett, Debbie Anthony, Donnie Evans, Jack Barnett,
Howard Britten, & Donna Burton

Concert

evening. Director Jerry Crowell led the Kindergarten through Fourth Grade in several traditional and non-traditional Christmas carols. The Fifth Grade Band

performed. Crowell commented that this beginners band had come a long way in a very short time. The Sixth Grade Band performed several difficult pieces. One of their songs

had been on the high school contest selection list. Their performance was very proficient for such a young group of musicians. The High School Band finished the evening with several beautiful pieces. Director Crowell recognized students who had made All-Region Band. They were C.J. Whatley, Baritone; Josh Evenson, Tuba; Evan Crowell, Tuba; and Randy Miller, alternate on the Baritone.

Local Happening


Rip and Joy Snyder were Pampa visitors Saturday morning.



JOY AND PEACE
The Star of Bethlehem reminds us of His love and hope for peace on earth!
Gary, Sharon, Bruce, Bronte & Bart Britten



Here's To A Glowing Season
Wishing you all things bright and beautiful.
Burl & Nellie Painter



A JOYOUS NOEL TO ONE AND ALL
Forrest, Patti Paul & Scott McLaughlin

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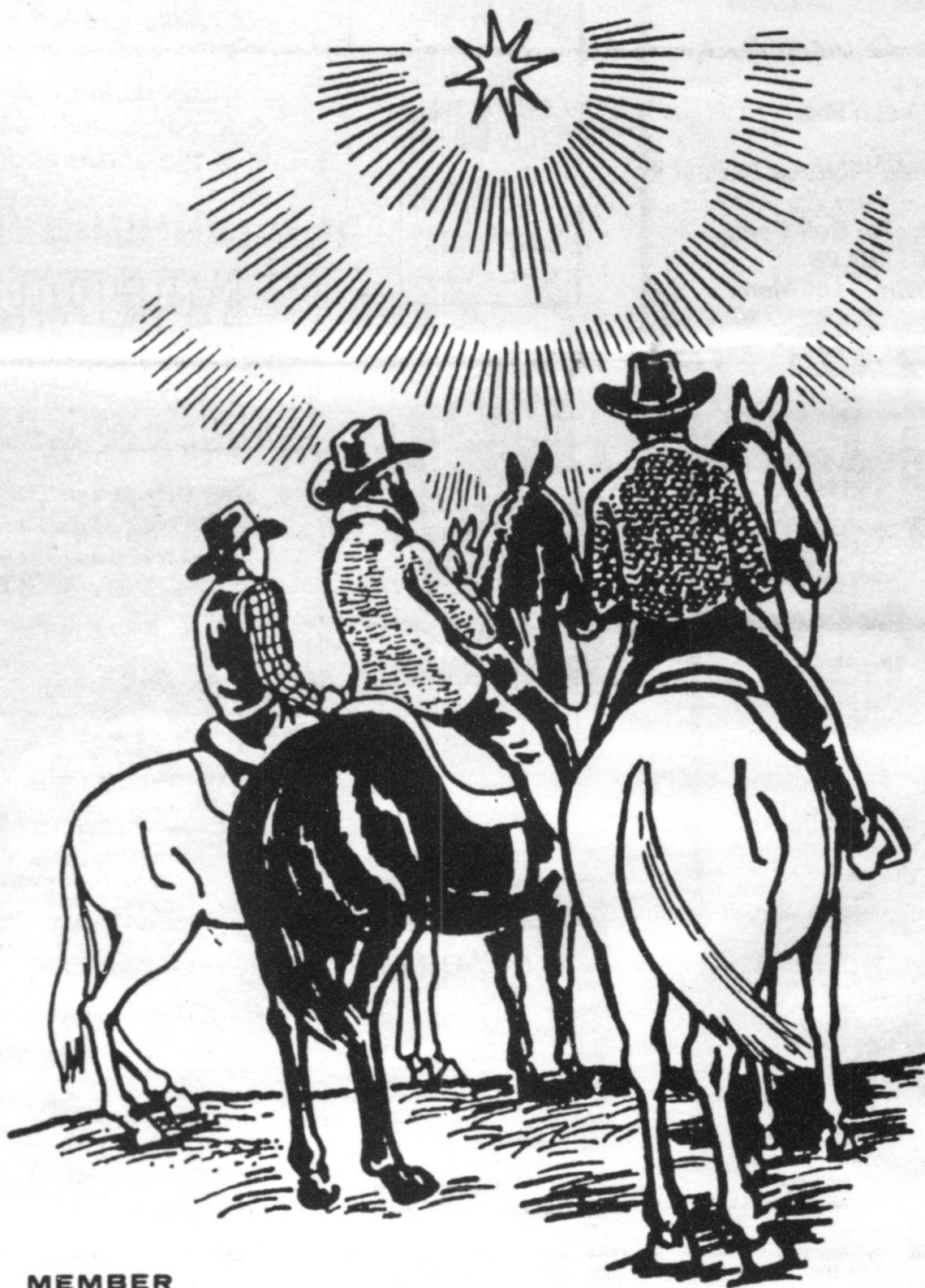


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Ministerial Alliance Named Good Samaritan by Local Lion's Club

Another Christmas program brought by the Lion's Club and honoring the ladies was a big success.

Each year they select an outstanding citizen or group who has contributed to the community. This year the Ministerial Alliance was named to receive the Good Samaritan Award. This group of ministers and churches have really worked together to promote the needs of the community. Programs and services at the park, a revival at the Devil's Rope Museum, and a chili supper at the VFW are just a few of their sponsored activities. The outreach of this group is tremendous and has helped many lives.

The ministers are: Thacker Haynes, United Methodist Church; Pat Andrews, Church of Christ;

Dean Williamson, Assembly of God; and Q.D. Beville, First Baptist Church. Dean was unable to attend the meeting. Many thanks, from the community, everyone appreciates your hard work.

The program was given by David Teichmann and Lee Cornelison of Pampa.

They spoke about and showed slides of their trip to Russia last summer.

This trip, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Pampa, was evangelical in nature and everyone got to see first hand what the area churches could do to help the Russian people.

As Mrs. Mary Lou Glass and Jodie Thomas sat eating, two young men came in and Jodie remarked that she knew the tall man, but couldn't think of his name. As it turned out, Lee was a young man with whom she became



Ministerial Alliance members were named "Good Samaritans" by Lion's Club members. Pictured here are Thacker Haynes, Pat Andrews, and Q.D. Beville. Below: Speaking on their Russian Trip, Lee Cornelison and David Teichman of Pampa present an interesting program.



acquainted with in the late 60's at White Deer. What a delight to meet someone that she had known before, but hadn't seen in a long time. They enjoyed a good visit about old times.



Winnie Hays assures Santa that she has been good all year long.

Board Agrees To Public Use of Alanreed Gym

The McLean Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 14, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. in the school business office.

Members present were Eugene Galley, Billie Ward, James Hefley, Jake Hess, Jay Dee Fish, and John Holland.

Others present were Stanley Lamb, Bonita Myers, Shirley Johnson, Carley Meadows, and Jacque Riley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. The opening prayer was led by Jake Hess. At this time the Board was called into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a high school principal. Carley Meadows was interviewed for the position.

The public meeting resumed at 8:10 pm.

All certified staff members were appointed to the textbook committee, with their service on this committee being contingent upon the books which are to be adopted.

The business office will be closed during the Christmas holidays.

Student parking was discussed.

The 1992-93 audit report was presented and approved by unanimous decision.

Use of the Alanreed gym was discussed and the unanimous decision was to place the Alanreed gym under the present policy being used for the McLean gym, which requires that the key be checked out from the business office, with the person signing for the key assuming responsibility for the premises.

The sale of two buses See School, pg. 18

Reminders

TUESDAY NIGHT Bingo on December 28th at the McLean Care Center will host a Bingo Tournament beginning at 7:00 p.m. Prizes will be given. Postage stamps will "buy" your Bingo card. Come on by and have fun.

CITY OFFICES will be closed December 24th, 27th and 31st.

THE SCHOOL Business Office will be closed during the school holidays.

THE FIRST BAPTIST Church will host the annual New Year's Eve stew and cornbread supper (with games, etc.) December 31st, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending in the New Year. Come watch in the New Year with us.

CHRISTMAS EVE Lights Tour. Drivers are needed tomorrow, December 24th, 6:00 p.m. to assist residents of the McLean Care Center for a half hour tour through McLean to see the lights.

REMEMBER THAT Christmas dinner will be served at the Senior Citizen's Building on Christmas Day.

HEALD UNITED Methodist Church, located on Kellerville Road, will have their annual Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in celebration of Jesus' birth.

SILVERTON Basketball Tournament begins Thursday, January 6 for the Varsity teams.

McLean Care Center News

By Mark Adams
We had a very busy week.

The Baptist Church sing-a-long followed by Sunday services with the United Methodists gave us plenty of holiday songs. Mr. Adams brought in a video taped concert of Peter, Paul &

Mary's Holiday Concert and the Wesley Class Church Social was full of delicious snacks.

The Church of Christ "catered" the Christmas Party on Saturday when we opened our gifts and had our picture taken with Santa. W.A. Roby really enjoyed his role and many of us knew the jolly fellow

was as pleased to see us as we were to see him. Thirty years with Universal Studios in Hollywood prepared him for his first-ever role as Santa.

Thanks to Jack Seyforth for the costume and all of the volunteers, staff and family members who helped us celebrate.

Besides new uniforms for the McLean Care Center Staff, carpet was laid in the north patio as part of the ongoing renovation. Wicker furniture remains to be purchased for our patio activity area. Country Corner donuts, Lion's Club bananas and a two month old ram were enjoyed during various activities and the McLean news donation of Thursday papers are weekly blessings. This week is special and visits will probably be on the increase.

If you haven't seen our new decor, give us a look and we'll love to see your cheery face.

The first and second graders came in to perform last Thursday and each of us received a Christmas Card that they made. Twelve of us went to the dress rehearsal of the play earlier that morning and were so grateful to be met at the door by the seventh grade class who "adopted" us that morning.

Mrs. Watkins did a superb job of directing the play and singing.

The Church of Christ services on Sunday the 19th were great.

Our Bingo games of the last four weeks have given

us the opportunity to win prizes. The cards, books, crafts, gift items were great and saved us from shopping.


Many of us would like to get out in the evening during the next week and see the lights of McLean homes.

Cliffie Heasley, Avalee Crockett, Sylvia McClellan and Lena Bailey have helped us play Bingo.

Some of the recent winners of Bingo were: Kitty Hesse, Teresa Richardson, Clyde Trusty, Leon Burch, Loma Lou Gibbs, Dick Wheeler, Adelle Walker, Annie Eudey, Eula Morrow, Lorena Bailey, Jesse Coleman, Mary Sligar, Virgie Everett, and Mary Boston.

A special thank you to volunteers Julie, Tami and Sue Marsh who helped set up and clean up the Christmas Party along with the auxiliary who have purchased our film, photo developing and new photo albums.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. God Bless All Of You.



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Christmas Legends Give The Season The Quality Of Mystery and Magic

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Thursday, December 23, 1993

There are countless legends that have grown up around the season of Christmas.

A legend that originated in Sweden tells of the Christmas rose. According to the story, a monk was tending his garden when a woman appeared, saying that she was the wife of a robber living in the forest. She told the monk of some

beautiful flowers that bloomed in the forest on Christmas Eve. He persuaded her to lead him to the forest in exchange for obtaining a pardon for her

husband. On Christmas Eve, the show disappeared and the forest bloomed, as the woman had said. But the snow began to fall again,

and the monk, heartbroken, died clutching one of the blossoms. Its root was planted in the monastery garden, where it bloomed into a beautiful rose, and the robber was pardoned.

Another legend tells of a woodcutter and his wife and children who lived in a hut in the forest. The family was poor, but their home was filled with love.

One Christmas Eve, as the family ate a humble meal, there was a knock at the door.

The woodcutter opened the door to find a small boy, shivering with cold. A blanket was wrapped about him and he was given some of the modest repast. That night, the boy stayed with the woodcutter's family, and the next morning, the woodcutter found the boy standing in the middle of the room, surrounded by a dazzling light. It was the Christ Child.

He took a stick from the fireplace and thrust it into the ground outside the hut. Promising the woodcutter

that the stick would become an evergreen tree



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Christmas Blessings

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Johnnie & Colleen Mertel



Joyous Holidays

Chiming in with this expression of our hopes for you at Christmas.

Cathy Sherry & Dedra



May your Christmas be filled with lasting memories to keep for ever!

Magee Ranch

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From McLean Care Center

We're ringing out how glad we are to have you as our friends and we extend our sincere good wishes for a very merry Christmas to you and your family.

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Graham's Honored With Party

Bill and Katy Graham were honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception December 19th at the Devil's Rope Museum. It was hosted by Tom and Inez Trostle and Molly McDowell. Jean Longino assisted with serving.

Bill Graham of Dimmitt and Kathryn Davis of Andrews were married December 23, 1943 in Lubbock.

They lived nine miles southeast of Dimmitt where they farmed and ranched and have lived at McLean nineteen years. They are members of McLean United Methodist Church and Bill is on the Gray County Red Cross Board, is a Democratic Precinct Chairman and is a Wrangler for Methodist Home Boys Ranch at Waco. Katy is a homemaker.

On Thanksgiving the children and grandchildren celebrated the anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mary Gabel in Canyon when all their children and grandchildren could be present.

Their other children are Kathy Henslee of Monte Vista, Colorado and Perry Graham of Canyon. They have eight grandchildren.

Out of town guests at the McLean party were: Mary Gabel of Canyon and Jim Brunton of Amarillo; Perry, Kim, Joy and Holly of Canyon; Alan Davis and Susie and Casey Bitner of Lefors; Danna Davis of Amarillo and Rebecca Fleming, Payton and Garrett of Pampa. Others were Tommy and Billie Davis, and Charles and Joyce Davis of Andrews.

Old Fashioned Christmas Remembered Fondly

An old-fashioned Christmas! What wonderful memories and images that expression evokes!

In the days before Christmas, Mother would be busy at the old wood stove, baking special breads, pies, cakes and sugar cookies, or making maple sugar candy. Sister would be helping mother in the kitchen, while Brother kept the wood box filled with wood.

Dad would go into the woods and chop down the Christmas tree, bringing it home triumphantly on a sled. The tree was placed in the parlor, with real candles decorating it, as well as strings of popcorn and cranberries that had been strung by the children. Popcorn balls wrapped in tinfoil and paper cones filled with homemade candy also decorated the tree.

The Christmas season actually began much earlier in the old days, for most gifts were handmade and so had to be worked on months in advance. The boys often made wooden objects, while the girls might embroider handkerchiefs or aprons. Mother, of course, kept her needles busy as she knit or crocheted garments for the whole family. Dad would whittle whistles or animals, or make a hobby horse or wooden doll.

On Christmas Eve, at the old country church, the tree was the biggest you'd ever seen, ablaze with candles.

Nearby someone held a ten-foot pole that had a wet sponge tied on the end, should a fire start.

The bells would ring out over the countryside, bringing families in their sleighs or bobsleds, eager to worship the new-born King. What a delightful, jingling sound the bells on the horses would make, as they trotted through the snowy countryside. The bobsled or sleigh would be filled with hay, and the youngsters would snuggle under lap robes and gaze at the stars above, or hop on one of the heavy runners for an exciting ride.

A Christmas play would be performed at the church by the children, and afterwards Santa would make an appearance, rewarding the youngsters with goodies.

After hanging their stocking over the fireplace on Christmas Eve, the children would go to bed, happy with anticipation.

School

was discussed, and the "Suitable Provision" lawsuit was discussed. The Board reviewed the District Property value Report and the appraisal costs levied to the district. The SBDM committee meeting was discussed.

A unanimous decision approved payment of Christmas bonuses to employees as per budget provisions.

The financial reports were approved.

In another unanimous vote it was approved to refund \$250 to the Band Boosters for the last half of the band scholarship program.

Mr. Lamb reported that the bus route south of town will need to be resumed after the holidays.

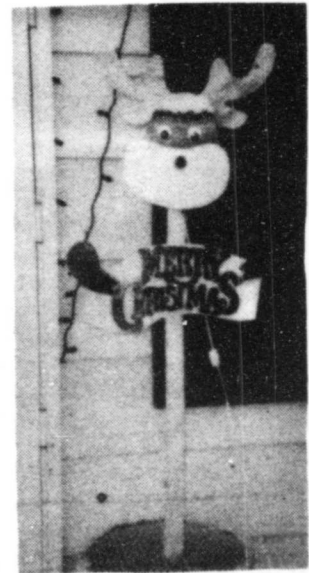
The meeting was called into executive session at 8:50 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment of a teacher for one semester. The meeting was re-opened to public session at 9:20 pm.

It was approved to

employ a teacher/coach for one semester for the remainder of the 1993-94 school year, at state schedule salary plus applicable local increments, such salary to be prorated on a daily basis.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be January 13, 1994.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.



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May the Christmas hour sing with joy for you and those you love.

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BLESSINGS TO ALL



May your Christmas be filled with good will, abundance, and the tranquility of faith.
Happy Holidays to all!

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Season's Greeting

Make the Christmas Season happier for us.

Our calendars are here

Please come by and get yours and let us wish you a Merry Christmas!
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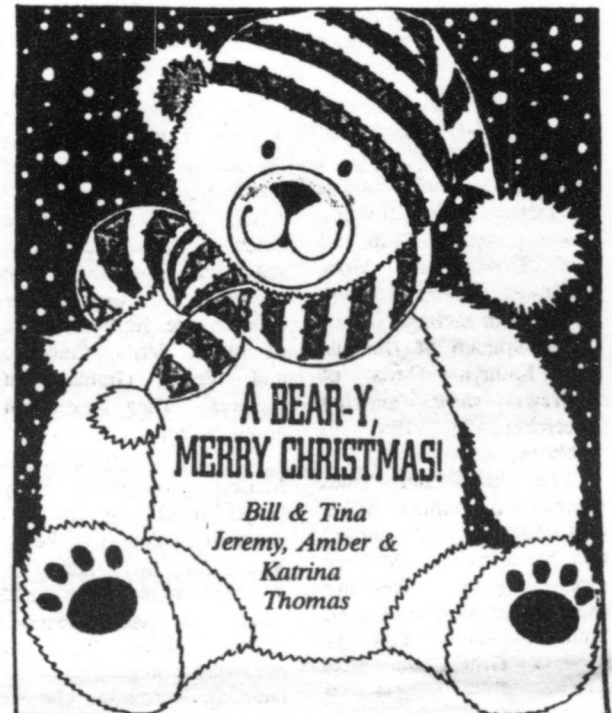
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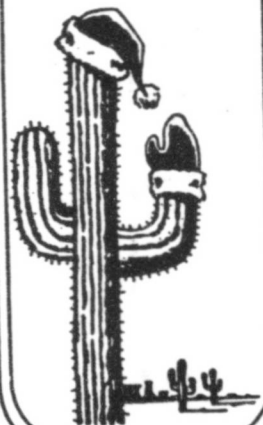
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Little Match Girl Legend Still Pulls Heart Strings

-Hans Christian Andersen
In the cold and gloom a poor little girl, bareheaded and barefoot, was walking through the streets. In an old apron she carried a number of matches and a bundle of them in her hand. No one had bought

anything of her all day! Her little hands were almost benumbed with the cold. Ah, a match might do her good, if she could only draw one from the bundle and rub it against the wall and warm her hands at it. She drew one out. R-r-atch!

How it sputtered and burned! A second was rubbed against the wall. It burned up, and when the light fell upon the wall it became transparent like a thin veil, and she could see through it into the room. On the table a snow-white cloth was

spread; upon it stood a shining dinner service; the roast goose smoked gloriously, stuffed with apples and dried plums. Then the match went out and only the thick, cold wall was before her. She lighted another match. Then she was sitting under a beautiful

Christmas tree. Thousands of candles burned upon the green branches. the little girl stretched forth her hand toward them; then the match went out. The Christmas lights mounted higher. She saw them now as stars in the sky; one of them fell down, forming a long line of fire.

had told her that when a star fell down a soul mounted up to God. She rubbed another match against the wall; it became bright again, and in the brightness the old grandmother stood clear and lovely. She took the little girl in her arms, and both flew in brightness and joy above the earth, very, very high, and up there was neither cold, nor hunger, nor care -- they were with God.

Glad Tidings

The Lord has come! We pray that peace may reign in all hearts as we celebrate this holiest of seasons.

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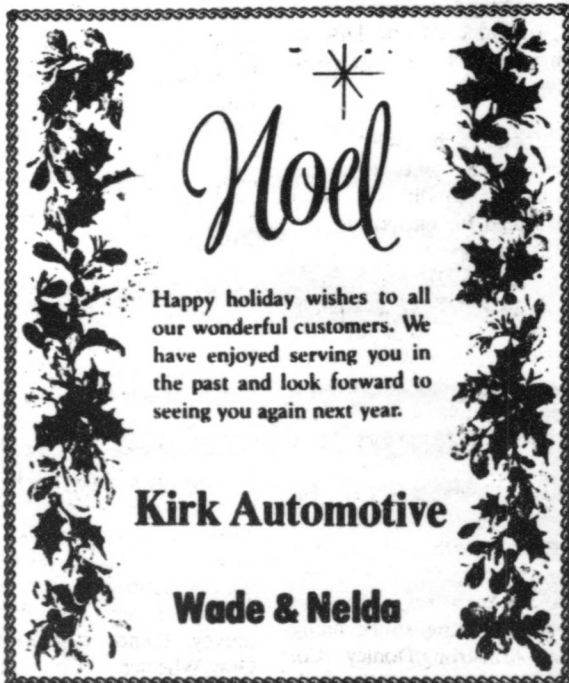


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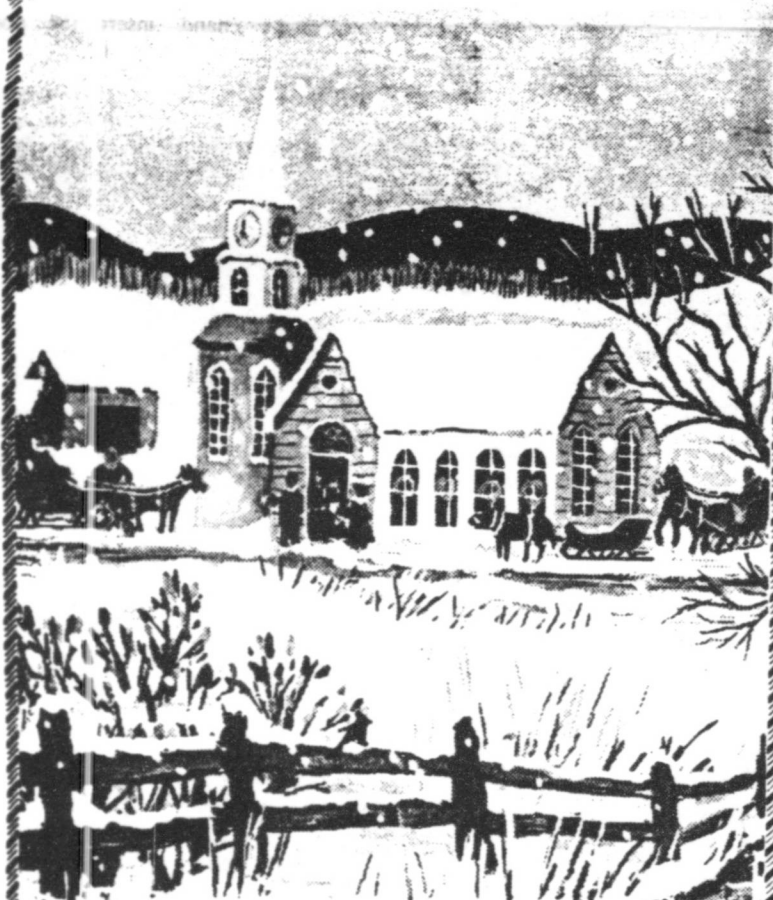
Greetings of the Season



Let us reflect on the wonder of the season.

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*Remembering who we were,
Helps us know who we are.*



*Never a Christmas morning,
Never an old year ends,
But someone thinks of someone,
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Grandview-Hopkins School Board Meets

The school board of the Grandview-Hopkins I.S.D. met in regular session in the school cafeteria on Tuesday, December 14th. President Marshall Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read, and the board approved all bills presented for payment. In other financial business, the board approved a series of budget amendments to bring budget coding in line with changes required by the Texas Education Agency.

After reviewing information presented by the superintendent, the board voted unanimously to withdraw from a class action lawsuit filed by the Texas Association of School Boards on behalf of all members of its Workmen's Compensation Pool. The board then proceeded to appoint a textbook committee to review new textbooks for the 1994-95 school year and make recommendations for adoption to the board. The textbook committee, which consists of the superintendent and all teachers, will review Supplementary Readers Learning Systems for grades 1 through 6.

On first reading, the board voted to approve Policy DEC (LOCAL), which sets policies

concerning salary schedules for professional and non-professional employees. The second reading of the policy will take place at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

The board approved the administration of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills to students in grades 1 through 6 during the current school year. Students are no longer required to take the

NAPT, and the board elected to administer the ITBS in its place. Students in grades 3 through 8 will also take the TAAS exam this year.

Reports concerning school district investments, progress on the Grandview-Hopkins Foundation, School Finance, and the new Accountability System proposed by the Texas Education Agency, were presented by the superintendent. No action was taken by the board on any of these items.

After evaluating the superintendent in executive session, the board reconvened in open session to vote on the superintendent's contract. In a unanimous vote, the board extended the superintendent's contract through the 1995-96 school year.

Groundwater District Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held within and for DIRECTOR'S PRECINCT NO. 2 AND NO. 4 of the PANHANDLE GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 3 on the 15th day of January 1994 at the Polling Place hereinafter set out to elect one District Director for a four-year term.

I
Upon each ballot shall appear the names of those qualified candidates who have filed for election to the office of District Director.

II
PRECINCT 2: Beginning at the SW corner of Sec. 111, Blk. 5, I&GN R.R. and going north to the Carson/Hutchinson Co. line in Sec. 132, thence east along the Carson/Hutchinson Co. line to the Carson/Gray Co. line, thence south along the Carson/Gray Co. line to the Carson/Armstrong Co. line and continuing south along the Armstrong/Donley Co. line to its intersection with U.S. Hwy. 287 in Sec. 4, Franklin County School Land, thence west and north along U.S. Hwy 287 to the west boundary of Sec. 197, Blk. B-4 H&GN R.R., thence north to the Armstrong/Carson Co. line and continuing north to the SW corner of Sec. 111, Blk.

5, I&GN R.R., being the point of beginning.

The Polling Place for Precinct No. 2 is as follows: The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District office, 300 S. Omohundro St., White Deer, Texas. Judge: Debbie Hodges.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voters may vote at the Panhandle Ground Water District office, 300 S. Omohundro St., White Deer, Texas, during office hours beginning December 27, 1993 and continuing through January 11, 1994.

III
PRECINCT 4: Beginning at the NE corner of Sec. 219, Blk. B-2, H&GN R.R. and going east to the SE corner of Sec. 68, Blk. B-2, H&GN R.R., thence north to the SW corner of Sec. 53, Blk. B-2, H&GN R.R., thence east to the SE corner of Sec. 16, Blk. H, A.W. Wallace Survey, thence south to the SW corner of Sec. 11, Wesco Survey, thence east to the Gray/Wheeler Co. line, thence south along the Gray/Wheeler Co. line to the Gray/Donley Co. line and continuing south along the Donley/Collingsworth Co. line to the south boundary of Sec. 36, Blk. 22, H&GN R.R., thence west to the SW corner of Sec. 39, Blk. 22, H&GN R.R., thence north to the NE corner of Sec. 14, Blk. 1, Cherokee Furnace Co., thence west to the NW corner of Sec. 8, Blk. 1, Cherokee Furnace Co., thence south to the SE corner of Sec. 37, A. Rowe Survey, thence west to the SW corner of Sec. 37, A.

Rowe Survey, thence south to the SE corner of Sec. 14, A. Rowe Survey, thence west to the SW corner of Sec. 3, KWI Co., thence north the NE corner of Sec. 3, IG&N R.R., thence west to the NW corner of Sec. 3, IG&N R.R., thence south to the NE corner of Sec. 4, IG&N R.R., thence west to the NW corner of Sec. 1, Blk. C-7, thence south to the SE corner of Sec. 1, T.T.R.R., thence west to the SW corner of Sec. 1, T.T.R.R., thence north to the NE corner of Sec. 3, Franklin County School Land, thence west to the Armstrong/Donley Co. line, thence north along the Armstrong/Donley Co. line to the Gray/Donley Co. line and continuing north along the Gray/Carson Co. line to the north boundary of Sec. 232, Blk. B-2, H&GN R.R., and thence east to the NE corner of Sec. 219, Blk. B-2, H&GN R.R., being the point of beginning.

The Polling Place for Precinct No. 4 is as follows: the Crockett Exxon Station lunchroom, located at 140 exit 135, Alanreed, Texas. Judge: Cathering Dorsey.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voters may vote at the Panhandle Ground Water District office, 300 S. Omohundro St., White Deer, Texas during office hours beginning December 27, 1993 and continuing through January 11, 1994.

IV
The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of PANHANDLE GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 3 in

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accordance with the general election laws of Texas, except as same are modified by the provisions of Chapter 25, Acts of the 39th Legislature of Texas of 1925, together with all amendments and additions thereto.

John Spearman,
President, Board of
Directors of Panhandle
Ground Water Conservation
District No. 3.

Christmas Instructions Cause Frustration

Many a Christmas has been spoiled by paper -- paper from brightly decorated gifts, paper from packaging, paper from those slippery plastic envelopes that come inside assemble-it-yourself gifts. While the first two categories can be easily disposed of, the third group's disappearance can cause buckets of tears, thunderous screams and expletives and more frustration than anyone deserves on what is supposed to be a happy time.

Just in case the assembly instructions for your gift becomes lost in the shuffle, clip and save the following generic instructions.

Grasp the gizmo in your left hand. With your right hand, insert the doohicky into the little whosie just below the bright red (blue or green) thingamajig and gently -- gently! -- turn it in a clockwise direction until you hear a click.

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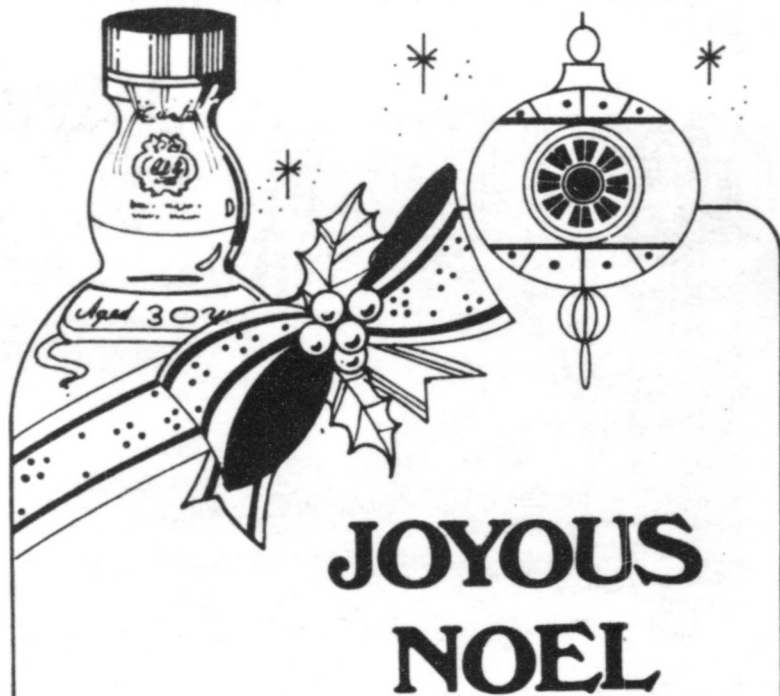
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Joy to the World

Lillie Mae & Howard Williams



The association of trees with Christmas became defined during the Middle Ages, when miracle plays were performed, often in church, to teach stories from the Bible.

In the miracles plays, an evergreen tree was used to depict the Garden of Eden,

with apples hung from the boughs to symbolize the forbidden fruit eaten by Adam and Eve.



GREETINGS!

Knowing people like you makes the season a lot jollier for us. Merry Christmas and thanks for being a good neighbor.

Dale & Mary Lou Glass

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a Christmas Jack-In-The-Box. I want a toy Barbie car, some Barbie clothes, a Christmas bear, a cabbage patch doll, a reindeer that plays music, a Barbie that plays a guitar and a doll that cries.
Your friend,
Allison

Dear Santa,
I want a fire truck with a fireman and a dog. I want a motorcycle and a real horse and a toy car that has a motor and really goes.
Your friend,
Andy Ritchie

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo game, a horse, and a bike. I want a water gun.
Your friend,
Troy Jefferies

PEACE, JOY & HAPPINESS TO ALL.

May all the things that inspire and invite a festive Yuletide season and a cheer-filled Christmas be yours to share with friends and loved ones. Please accept our sincere thanks for your patronage, and our best wishes for the holidays.

The McLean Masonic Lodge

Silent Night, Holy Night, All Is Calm... All Is Bright.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Mary Dwyer

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Here's hoping jolly old Santa has you on his list. We're pleased to have you as our customers.

City Of McLean

Happy Holiday

May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you today and always. Have a wonderful holiday season.

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Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,

I want a fast track and walky talky and a new stuffed animal. And a walkman and a teddy bear and a nintendo and a t.v. and a new fire truck. I want a brand new wagon and a baseball cap and a Dallas baseball bat and a jacket.

Your friend,
Sonny Northcutt

Dear Santa,

I would like a pair of Dallas Cowboy's shoes, size 3, and a Dallas Cowboy's coat. I also would like a black and white puppy and a Dallas Cowboy's Troll Doll with a Cowboy's wind suit on. I would also like a little car. Have a safe trip.

Your friend,
Josh Seymour

Dear Santa,

Santa I would love some new clothes and ropers. I need a new robe and gloves. I really want a new stereo and I also want a easy bake oven. I need some new magic markers. I also want a magic coper. So is your list big yet? I bet it is. How are you doing today. I am doing fine. My brother Waylon is coming down for Christmas so please bring him a present to.

Your friend,
Jennifer Smith

Dear Santa,

I want a Gold ring and tight up shoes and a super nintendo. If you can bring my sister a big trampolene. Please bring my grandmother a new bank account and my papa good meat. I also would like a new computer and a Dallas Cowboy jacket. I would like a baseball bat and glove. I hope you bring everyone a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Tami Marsh

Dear Santa,

I would like a coat. I would like a new house. I would like a car. I would like a horse and all the Dallas Cowboy's autographs and a yo-yo. I would love any kind of pet except a goat. I would like a race car set. I would like some boots. I would like a quilt and some Micky cloths.

Your friend,
Jeff Lee

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I am doing fine. I want a big Barbie car and a kitty and a puppy. I want some shoes and some Barbies. Some houses for the Barbies and pretty too. I do want to go shopping on Friday and spend the night at a motel.

Your friend,
Amanda Hauck

Dear Santa,

Santa, I want a Minnesota Viking Jacket. I also want a Kansas St. Wildcat helmet. I want a Phoenix Suns Basketball Jersey. I want any kind of T-shirt. I want a baseball helmet of the Cleveland Indians.

Your friend,
Robert Brass

Dear Eric Dash,

How are you doing? We are getting out of school early this week. We got a puppy last year. Her name is Abby she is a cocker spaniel. Our cat had kittens, July Forth. How are you getting along. Are you having a nice day. I will see you in awhile.

Your friend,
Sam Adams

Dear Santa Clause,

I want a BB gun and a walkman and a toy car, stereo and game. I want a gold fish. I want a toy plane, walky talky, and books and a ambulance.

Your friend,
Victor Vega

Dear Santa,

I would like a nintendo and a cordless remote control car and a rifle. I like it a lot. It looks cool. It looks real only it is smaller. The cock is small and oval shaped. When you don't want to shoot you can pull the hammer back and pull the trigger and it won't shoot.

Your friend,
Drew Barker

Dear Santa,

I want a Dino tracks race car with two batteries with it. I want one walkman with two batteries with it and one electric swing set and two batteries with it. I would also like a pair of brown gloves.

Your friend,
Anthony Bailey

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? This is the stuff I want from you. I want a puppy that is black and white they stays little. I need some ropers really bad. I want my own horse. I need more pants. I would like a stereo. I want a color blaster. I want a walky talky.

Your friend,
Shaley Rose Steel

Dear Santa,

Please get me a Nerf gun for Christmas. Also a knife, gun, handcuffs, and a badge. I've been good. Thank you.

Your friend,
Justin Wehrenberg

Dear Santa,

My name is Lindsey. This year for Christmas I would like to have a Barbie van. And a Ice cream maker, and a puppy that has long hair so I can clip it, a Dazzle Barbie doll. I love you and will make you some cookies.

Your friend,
Lindsey Ruiz

Hi Santa,

My name is Chaze Morris I tried to be good. Can I

please have Snow White Dwarfs Movie. A big dinosaur, a game boy, a water gun, a little bear for my big bear to play with and my friend Shy has been good too.

Your friend,
Chaze

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a pair of red boots and spurs.

Your friend,
Andra Paschal

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I want a big white teddy bear, Barney shoes, and a fluffy white kitten.

Your friend,
Connie Vega

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I would like roller skates, crash dummies, and a horse.

Your friend,
Nicholas Odom

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I would like you to bring me a train set, car set and a bike.

Your friend,
Kevin Smith

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Dallas Cowboy jacket, roller blades, a shield for my football helmet, and a BB gun.

Your friend,
Slade Terry

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a cheer-leading suit for Christmas and I would like anything you would want to bring.

Your friend,
Jennifer

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a pair of shoes, a truck, a car, a toy boy, and a Teddy Bear.

Your friend,
Cris Vega

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a rock polisher, a horse collection, the stables, too, and the game of life. Would you

mind if elves mad all that? THE GROOM NEWS-Page 23

Your friend,
Jaci

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want a pair of roller blades, a baby giggles n, go, and a plus my size Barbie.

Your friend,
Thanks Santa Claus.
Your special friend,
Jamie

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a troll and a VCR. I would like a toy dog if you could.

Your friend,
Traci

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Rudolph costume please sirs and a Rudolph nose please sir.

Your friend,
Dustin

To Santa Claus From Mitchell.

I want some shorts please Santa, and I want some pants, please Santa and I want some Tonkas, please Santa, and I want some new trucks, please Santa and I want a new house, please Santa and a whale, please Santa and I want some new clothes. Bye Santa, I'll see you at my house.

Dear Santa,

I want a new halter and a blanket for Christmas from Santa. Santa, if you can't buy the stuff, Santa, man I don't care.

Your friend,
Lucas

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie, the Barbie has a spray bottle, when you spray the Barbie's hair it will turn pink. I want a doll, her arm will go up in her dress and a sticker will come out.

Your friend,
Whitney

Dear Santa,

I want a new Gameboy, some new shoes and socks, pants and Barbie. Pleas some new friends in the whole wide world even my teachers, Mrs. Glass, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs.

Skipper.

Your friend,
Skyler

Dear Santa,

Can I have some of the Sega games? And would you give my brother something very good for Christmas? And my Dad and my Mom too and can I also have some new toys for Christmas? Thats all this Christmas but I will want more next Christmas.

Your friend,
Zane

Dear Santa

I want a new Sega Genesis and Sega games for Christmas and that is all I want for Christmas.

Your friend,
Tyler

Dear Santa,

I want a dog for Christmas. I want you to bring pliers and pull my teeth. I want a Rudolph toy for Christmas.

Your friend,
Jennifer

Dear Santa,

I want a pretty car, little truck, a little video game, and a baseball game, and a remote-controlled car on a track.

Your friend,
Valerie

Dear Santa,

Can you bring me a Barbie car, please, Santa. Do you want my number? It is 779-3105, that is my number. Dear Santa, can you bring me Barbie that talks. Please Santa.

Your friend,
Luisa

Dear Santa,

Would you bring me a Sega for Christmas. Also a remote-controlled car and a good present for my sisters.

Your friend,
Terrence



Joy to the World

It's beginning to look like Christmas! May the Holidays bring you and yours every happiness.

First Baptist Church
McLean, Texas

FROM ST. NICHOLAS TO SANTA

Christmas and Santa Claus are synonymous in many countries, but this was not always so. The jolly old gent is actually the result of an evolving process through the centuries, although he does have his origins as a real person. To be more accurate, he is probably a combination of st. Nicholas, and an ancient yule god.

St. Nicholas was a fourth-century bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, who had won a reputation for generosity. According to the legend, the good bishop had saved three young maidens from spinsterhood or worse, by providing their impoverished father with dowries for each of the daughters. He supposedly left three bags of gold on the man's window ledge. This is why pawn-brokers, who consider St. Nicholas their patron saint, traditionally have three golden balls outside their shops.



Wishing you serenity and happiness each day of the coming year. We enjoyed serving you.

J. Nelson Dwyer, D.D.S.



A Holiday Toast

May the kindness you've shown us be returned to you times three!

Fred Cable



'Tis The Season...

To say, "Merry Christmas and thanks!"

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**McLEAN BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES**

December 23 - Sue Cubine, Deb Crockett, maude Carpenter, W.A. Davis, Bill and Katy Graham (A).

December 25 - Ted Simmons.

December 26 - Janet McCracken, Chet Bohlar.

December 27 - Jan Haynes, Joe Magee, Herman L. Petty, Harold C. Petty, Jane Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. Billy D. Rice (A).

December 28 - Stefanie Turpen, Ruth Kemp, Carl Watson, Michael Doniz, Ted and Imogene Longino (A).

December 29 - Kyle Woods, Evelyn Pennington.

December 30 - Trevor McDonald, Olene Brown, William Floyd Smith.

December 31 - W.C. Kennedy, Scott Green, Beverly Odom.

The McLean News office will be open for business on January 3rd. Please bring your news of visitors and local interest.

**C & H
McLean**

Susanna Group Has Christmas Birthday Luncheon

The Susanna Group of United Methodist Women met December 14th at 11:00 a.m. in the home of Inez Trostle for their Christmas Birthday Luncheon.

The opening prayer was given by Wanda Hill.

For the program Katy Graham read the book "A Cup Of Christmas Tea" by Tom Hegg.

Small jars of jelly made by Evelyn Shaw were given to each person. Inez made the birthday cake.

Others enjoying the delicious meal and fellowship were Loyce Sherrod, Grace Glenn, Betty McCurley, Mollie McDowell, Mary Powell, Dorothy Patterson, and Mary Dwyer.

Mary Lou and Dale Glass traveled to Skellytown on Sunday evening to attend the Christmas program at the church where Rachel and Sandi attend. They said it was a very good program.

Alanreed News

Barbara Bode and Shirley Armbrister shopped in Amarillo on Tuesday.

Visiting here with Nora Drago and others was Nora's niece Judy and family of Amarillo.

Ruth McLain shopped in Pampa on Friday.

Visiting Lena Carter on Friday was Jim and Brandon Walker. They were enroute to Cincinnati, Ohio where Mr. Walker lives. Brandon lives in

Amarillo and was going to Ohio for Christmas.

Nita McKee visited in Amarillo last week for medical treatment.

Visiting Lena Carter on Sunday was Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bruce, David Bruce and Deborah Walker all of Amarillo.

Shawn and Paul Bruce of Pampa accompanied the Robert Bruces to First Baptist Church Sunday.

Ruth and Brenda McLain shopped in Pampa on Monday.

Leslie Bode Graduates Cum Laude,

Leslie Allison, received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Economics from the College of Agriculture Sciences at Texas Tech University at Lubbock on December 18, 1993 at the Lubbock Coliseum.

Leslie, formerly of Samnorwood, is the wife of Don Bode and the daughter of Debbie Lindley of Shamrock and Tommy Lindley of Fort Worth; and the daughter-in-law of Dick and Barbara Bode of Alanreed.

Leslie will start Graduate School in January. Don and Leslie live in Lubbock, where Don is an agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Community Scholarship Program Targets Rural Areas In Need Of Health Care

A new Community Scholarship Program (CSP), administered by the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, is a federal, state, and community partnership which supports students who are committed to returning to their rural communities to practice primary health care. The purpose of the program is to increase the availability of primary health care in rural Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) in Texas.

The CSP is open to physician assistant and nurse practitioner students and to students in their third or fourth year of medical school.

Students are nominated for the program by community-based sponsors. A sponsor must be located in a rural Texas HPSA and commit to funding 35 percent of the student's educational expenses as well as to providing a full-time practice opportunity to the student when he or she is ready to practice. The Center for Rural Health Initiatives and the National Health Service Corps provide the remaining 65 percent of the funding.

A student must be a resident of the rural HPSA in which the sponsor is located. In return for the payment of educational expenses, the student agrees to provide one year of practice to the sponsor for each year of scholarship, for a minimum of two years.

For more information, contact the Center for Rural Health Initiatives in Austin at (512) 479-8891.

Briefs

Visiting in McLean over the weekend was Buddy, Kathy, Clay and Lacy Thomas from Stratford; Donna, Kent, Hunter, and Ashley Payne from Lubbock and Jerry, Deb, April, Megan and Zachory Beaty from Idalou. They were in town to attend the wedding of Keitha Clark and Mike

Clayton of San Antonio, Texas. Keitha is the oldest granddaughter of Jodie Thomas of McLean. It was reported to be a beautiful wedding at the First Christian Church in Pampa. After the wedding there was much visiting before the return home to McLean.

Briefs

Tony Smitherman had a surprise birthday party at Dyer's Barbecue in Amarillo on Wednesday, December 15th. What Tony thought was a small dinner party turned out to be a big surprise. His son, Bryan Smitherman, M.D. from Lubbock and his sisters and families from the area attended.



"Well, little Jake's forty years old now and still writing me letters. He wants a kind banker, a wet spring and a higher cow market."



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Visitors Welcome

McLean Care Center News

McLean Care Center News
This morning many of us will be at the school auditorium to attend the dress rehearsal of the Christmas play by Mrs. Watkins' students.

Those of us who cannot attend will be treated to her Carolers today at 2:30.

We invite all of our friends and family to join us at 2:30 Sunday, December 18th when we open our gifts at our Christmas Party.

For the past four weeks we have been winning gifts and cards during Bingo games.

The Lions Club bananas, Country Corner donuts, McLean Newspapers, and pumpkin pies from Pucketts have been great treats. The many cards, flowers, plants, gifts and decorations are so nice.

During crafts on Tuesday we decorated some more and recently have sold many handmade items to support our activities department.

Thank you to the Baptist, Methodist, Church of Christ and Assembly of God congregations and ministers. Your Sunday services and monthly socials have brought peace, joy and comfort to our souls.

We wish to host anyone with a program or performance or even a visit from a family or student who would like to tour our beautiful home.

New Law Goes Into Effect January 1

A new law that goes into effect January 1, 1994, will eliminate the need for commercial vehicle operators to have their commercial vehicles undergo dual inspections. The new inspection program to be overseen by the Texas Department of Public Safety, will combine the U.S. Department of Transportation inspection with the State of Texas safety inspection.

Beginning January 1, inspections obtained at other than an official commercial Texas State Inspection Station will not be accepted.

Commercial motor vehicle means any self-propelled or towed vehicle except a farm vehicle with a gross weight, registered weight or gross weight rating of less than 48,000 pounds used on a public highway to transport passengers or property when: the vehicle or combination of vehicle has a gross weight, registered or gross weight rating in excess of 26,000 pounds; or the vehicle is designed to transport more than 15 people including the driver; or the vehicle is used to transport an amount of hazardous materials requiring placarding under the federal Hazardous

Materials Transportation Act.

Christmas 1993

By Jodie Thomas

Can you believe that another year is about to come to a close? Each year seems to go a little faster, maybe age has a determining factor in this. I do know I believe I had just put up all my decorations from last Christmas and have had them out a month now trying to get ready for this Christmas and next week it will be pack them up and back in storage again.

After having surgery December 2nd on my right leg I've been home two weeks trying to learn to use my new leg joint and knee cap so I can get back on

the job at the McLean News on a regular basis. It isn't that easy, I tell you. I've done real well but still have a way to go. I have missed being on the job if for nothing else than to listen to complaints. We make plenty of mistakes and I know this but I really appreciate all the help with local news. Your news items and briefs are what makes our local paper. So keep sending them in, all phone calls are appreciated too.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to our New Year, 1994.



Smitherman Part Of Level I Trauma Team At UMC Hospital

Bryan Smitherman, M.D.; son of Tony and Monta Jean Smitherman of McLean, has the distinction of being part of the first hospital in Texas to be designated as a Level I Trauma Center.

The Team at the Texas Tech Medical Center of Lubbock is comprised of:

Surgery/Trauma Physicians, Orthopaedic Physicians, Anesthesiology Physicians, E.R. Nurses, SISU Nurses, X-Ray/CT/Lab Technicians, Blood Bank Staff, Chaplains, PICU Nurses, a Health Unit Coordinator and much more.

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As The Interstate Turns

Farm Home Administration Develops Loan Program For Socially Disadvantaged

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has a new loan program designed to help members of socially disadvantaged groups, including minorities, acquire land for farming in Texas.

August Hesse III, FmHA County Supervisor, for Carson, Hutchinson, Moore and Potter Counties, said that under the program FmHA is trying to find persons in those categories who are interested in farming and can qualify for an FmHA Farm Ownership loan. The FmHA is prepared to sell or lease to them a farm held in its inventory, if any are available in their county, or make a loan for purchase of land on the open market, Hesse said.

FmHA can also provide other loan and technical assistance, if needed, to help the borrower get started. Socially disadvantaged population groups include Hispanics, Native

Americans, Blacks, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

Persons who think they might be eligible for the program should contact the local FmHA office for the county in which they live.

The Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act prohibits creditors from discriminating against credit applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status handicap, or age (provided that the applicant has the capacity to enter into a binding contract), because all or part of the applicant's income derives from any public assistance program, or because the applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. The Federal agency that administers compliance with the law concerning this creditor is the Federal Trade Commission, Equal Credit Opportunity, Washington, D.C. 20580.

The Legend Of The Poinsettia

A beautiful legend concerning the poinsettia comes to us from Mexico. It seems that a poor young boy had nothing to offer the Christ Child on Christmas Eve.

Thinking that at least he could pray, he knelt outside the church window. Rising to his feet, he discovered a beautiful plant with scarlet leaves right in the spot where he had knelt. He took the flower and placed it on the altar. The plant became known as "The Flower of the Holy Night" in Mexico.

By Joe Longway

On Sunday, December 12, 1993 a non-injury accident was reported on I-40 across from the Dairy Queen. Due to smoke caused from the fire a McLean vehicle slowed through the fire and was struck by a CRST Truck causing minor damage to the pickup. The CRST driver was issued a citation for Failed To Control Speed.

On Monday, December 13, 1993 the Highway Patrol investigated an accident on I-40 two miles west of Conway. A 70 M.P.H. gust

Christmas Customs Around The World

The holiday season begins two weeks before Christmas Eve in Portugal, when families go looking for their Christmas tree. In small towns, this usually means a trip to the forest, but in the cities, artificial trees are often used. The tree is decorated with lights and ornaments a few days before Christmas Eve. In Portugal, Christmas is a family affair, with everyone getting together for midnight supper, which may feature turkey. The young children place their shoes around the fireplace for Santa to fill during the night. In the morning, the shoes will hold toys, candies and gifts.

of wind struck the truck and trailer causing it to fall on its left side blocking the entire westbound lane of traffic. The Jaws Of Life were used to free the Mississippi man from the wreckage. Panhandle 1 transported the man to Northwest Texas Hospital with a broken arm. No citations were issued.

On Thursday, December 16th Trooper Gary Davis placed a Mexican man in jail for No Liability Insurance during a traffic stop.

On Friday, December 17th Yellow Truck Driver was issued a citation on I-40 near Lark for relieving himself upon the roadway. Later that afternoon Deputy Jeff Oldham assisted the Highway Patrol with an accident involving a Missouri man driving a suburban pulling a travel trailer, the travel trailer jackknifed and caused him to run into the Mile Post #97 exit sign to Conway. The man was issued a citation for Failed To Drive In A Single Lane. Later that afternoon Sheriff

Loren Brand and Deputy Ray Davis assisted Trooper Gary Davis in the apprehension of three felons wanted for theft of a red 1991 Ford Explorer bearing Illinois registration. The three suspects were captured near J&N Fuel. Further investigation has revealed that they may have also stolen several items of liquor, scanner, graphic equalizer, phone and a .357 magnum revolver. ATF is being contacted for assistance in this

investigation.

On Saturday, December 18th Trooper Davis arrested a Roswell, New Mexico man for a felony warrant for Possession of Cocaine out of New Mexico on I-40, 3

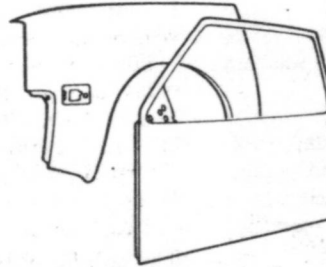
miles west of Groom. Later that afternoon Chris Ray arrested on man for DWI and two for Public Intoxication on US 60.

As a reminder DPS will be out in force during both

Holiday weekends. Enforcing speed, seatbelt and DWI's.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Carson County Troopers.

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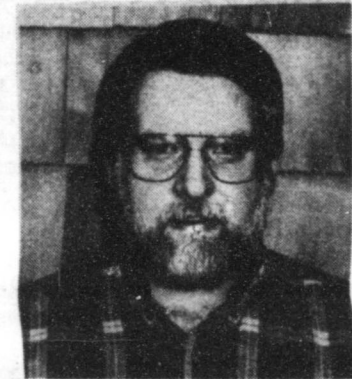
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GROOM CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1993

	Governmental Fund Types		98 Totals (Memorandum Only)
	10 General Fund	20/30/40 Special Revenue Fund	
REVENUES:			
Local, Intermediate and Out-of-State	\$ 683,262.43	\$ 25,572.00	\$ 708,834.43
State Program Revenues	542,758.00	1,188.47	543,946.47
Federal Program Revenues		66,878.07	66,878.07
Total Revenues	\$ 1,226,020.43	\$ 93,638.54	\$ 1,319,658.97
EXPENDITURES:			
Instruction	\$ 626,788.00	\$ 27,590.00	\$ 654,378.00
Instructional Administration	9,915.00	2,885.00	12,800.00
Instructional Resources and Media Services	20,098.58		20,098.58
School Administration	56,616.05		56,616.05
Curriculum and Personnel Development	3,982.59		3,982.59
Guidance and Counseling Services	8,848.17		8,848.17
Health Services	2,787.61		2,787.61
Pupil Transportation	98,541.91		98,541.91
Co-curricular Activities	73,988.91		73,988.91
Food Services		89,765.47	89,765.47
General Administration	113,663.82		113,663.82
Plant Maintenance and Operations	162,165.53		162,165.53
Data Processing	99.99		99.99
Community Services	4,537.80		4,537.80
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,182,033.96	\$ 120,240.47	\$ 1,302,274.43
OTHER RESOURCES AND USES			
Other Resources	\$ 60,464.13	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 88,464.13
Other (Uses)	(43,417.00)		(43,417.00)
Total Other Resources and (Uses)	\$ 17,047.13	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 45,047.13
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 61,033.60	\$ 1,398.07	\$ 62,431.67
Fund Balance, September 1, 1992 (Beginning)	635,059.16	-0-	635,059.16
Fund Balance, August 31, 1993 (Ending)	\$ 696,092.76	\$ 1,398.07	\$ 697,490.83

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Carson County Commissioners Court is taking bids on the following: General liability insurance coverage on all county vehicles for Carson County.

Specifications can be obtained from the Carson County Judge at his office in the Carson County Courthouse, Panhandle, Texas.

This procedure and notice is in accordance with Chapter 262 of the Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, which requires publication of this notice at least one time before the 14th day

before the date of the bid opening. Bids are to be delivered to Agnes Bell, County Auditor, of Carson County, Texas, prior to 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Monday, January 10, 1994, the date and time at which such bids shall be publicly opened, read and considered by the Commissioners Court. The Court shall award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid, or reject all bids and publish a new notice or take such other action as authorized by said Local Government Code. Additionally, the award of the contract, if at all, shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the lowest evaluated offer resulting from negotiations, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors in accordance with Section 262.030 of said Code.

Notice

The City Of Groom would like to remind the public of Chapter 13, sec. 13-27, of the Ordinance of the City of Groom pertaining to building permits. The cost for this is \$5.00 per permit.

Sec. 13-27. Enforcement: building permits.

The provisions of this Chapter shall be administered and enforced by the City. All applications for building permits shall be accompanied by a plat in duplicate, drawn to scale, showing the actual dimensions of the lot to be built upon, the size of the building to be erected, and such other information as may be necessary to provide for the enforcement of these regulations. A record of such application and plats shall be kept in the office of the city.

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Political Calendar

The Groom News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Primary Elections to be held on March 8, 1994. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till the election.

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Carson County
Carson Co. District Clerk
Barbara White

Carson Co. Treasurer
Jeanne Cunningham
Linda Orr

Carson Co. Judge
Jay Bob Roselius

Justice of the Peace
Precinct 1
Bill Hinson

Carson County Sheriff
Loren Brand

Gray County
Gray County Clerk
Wanda Carter

Gray County District Clerk
Yvonne Moler

Judge 223rd District Court
Of Texas
Lee Waters

District Attorney
100th Judicial District
Randall C. Sims

REPUBLICAN
Gray County
Justice of the Peace
Precinct 4
Creed Lamb

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Santa, I Have Been Real Good!

Dear Santa,
This might be a short letter so you can relax. How is Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and the elves? The things I want for Christmas are Sega game gear, a Super Scope, a Super Controller, a Star Fox video game and a Master Blaster.
Love,
Paul Baxter

Dear Santa,
How are you? Don't get a cold. I am in second grade. How is Mrs. Claus and the elves? Are the reindeer sick? Has Rudolph lost his shine? I want Kirby's Adventures, Tetris 2 and 6 Golden Coins for my Game Boy. I also want a cattle hauling truck with cattle, and a Fast Traxx truck, please. You don't have to get all of that stuff, but a little would be nice. Happy Holidays.
Love,
Jake Hopkins

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,
I hope your reindeer are doing fine. I hope the elves are doing fine too. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing fine also. I hope you all have a very good Christmas. Are your reindeer getting ready to make the trip? What I want for Christmas is a real baby sister, 10 Muppet Christmas Carol videos, a Baby Alive. She cries when

she needs you. A boombox with some tapes. May I have a camera with batteries and lots of film. Have a happy New Year!
Love,
Erin Norris

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Are the elves doing good? I'm doing very good. Is Mrs. Claus doing very good? The toys I want are a double decker truck, remote controlled car, a football, 16 speed bike, and weights.
Love,
Collin Bowers

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? Are the elves busy making the toys? What I want for Christmas is an 18 speed bike, 4 wheeler, seed truck, and a Game Boy.
Love,
Chance Bowers

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? What I want for Christmas is a Tonka truck, a Master Blaster and a black cape.
Love,
Nicholas Bruton

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I like you Santa. I hope the elves are doing fine. How are the reindeer? I want a big

tractor, a four wheel drive four wheeler, a camea, a Master Blaster and a Nerf bow and arrow.
Love,
Michael Dominquez

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having fun. Do you shave your beard in the Summer? I hope Mrs. Claus and you are having a fun Christmas. What are the elves' names? What do your reindeer eat? What I want is a ten speed bike, a four wheel drive four wheeler, a \$100 dollar bill, and a Black Eagle B.B. Gun with a scope. Have a good Christmas.
Love,
Calvin Schaffer

Dear Santa,
How's Frosty? I want a V.C.R., Camra, teddy bear, stuffed tiger, a poster, and some jewelry. I can't wait. Are any of the reindeer homesick? Have any of the elves gotten sick? Have you had to get Rudolph a new nose yet? Anyway... Merry Christmas!
From:
Marci Babcock

Dear Santa,
What do you do the rest of the year?
Your friend,
Chris Bruton

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I want just two things for

Christmas. I want a black horse with long mane and tail. I also want my show pig to place in Houston or San Antonio. That's all I really want.
Your Friend,
Ashlie A. Lee

Dear Santa,
Have I been a good girl this year? By the way, how are Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph? Also what do you do in your spare time? In my spare time I read Christmas books and listen to Christmas songs. For Christmas I want a sled and books, books, and more books. Also say hi to Mrs. Claus and the reindeer.
Your friend,
Stephanie Blankenship

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I'm fine. Have you seen Frosty lately or did he melt? Where did Randolph The Bullegged Cowboy come from or did you know? Where did Randolph get his gun? I like it better than Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer? How do you get down chimneys with your fat belly? How do the reindeer fly? Are elves working hard? That's all I want to know this year.
Your friend,
Lori

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How did Rudolph get his red nose? How do you get down chimneys? How much do you weigh?
From,
Joel Quisenberry

Dear Santa,
I know that your real because, every year my family leaves you some cookies and brownies and when we wake up they are gone. So we know that your real. I know all your reindeer byname. They are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Comet and Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Vixen. Your a jolly plump and thats the way we like you! I want the Aladdin set, roller blades, roller blades doll and a wind suit and some other clothes. We will leave you some brownies and milk.
Yours truly,
Krista

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some coveralls and some new shoes.
I want my parents to get some new clothes. I also want some games.
Your friend,
Cody

Dear Santa,
I've been good and bad. (Sorry). I want a lot of things for Christmas. Some of the things I don't deserve. The things I deserve are a bicycle and a 911 race trace. I also want a that truck I've been talking about. I don't need to have a lot of toys because I already have a lot. So some of the toys I could get from you I might be able to give to kids without toys.
Merry Christmas and all yours,
Chandler Bowers

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a small tramapolene and a George Strait tape. We are going to leave you some fudge, milk, and cookies. I hope you are alright and I hope all the reindeer and the elves are alright. Merry Christmas!!!
Your friend,
Tandi Quisenberry

Dear Santa Claus,
I don't want a bunch of presents this year. I'll tell you the things I really want. I really want some roller blades because my skates are too small for me. The second thing I want is a new bike because mine is too small for me and I can't ride my sisters like because she won't let me. I also want one more thing. I want the Aladdin dolls. How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are all your reindeer? I am fine, My family is fine, I've been a good girl.
Merry Christmas!!
Your friend,
Sara Blankenship

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a power wheel. I would like to meet you and your reindeer, named Dasher and Dancer, Prancer and Vixen, Danner and Blitzen, Rodof, too!
Yours truly,
Christopher Lee

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to know how you are doing? I would like to know how Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Dancer, Blitzen, Donner, and the other reindeer are doing. For Christmas I want all of the quarter horses in the whole world. I am writing to you because I like you.
Love,
Shaun

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a walkman, a George Strate tape, nine crochet needles with thread, and Jasmine and Aladdin barbie dolls.
Thank you,
Lauren

Did You Forget?
If you failed to get your Christmas Greeting in before the deadline. We invite you to stop by the Groom News Office. See our New Year's Greetings.

Brand
a two-year term before running for office. I believe this is a fair system because it gives the voters an opportunity to see how well a candidate can perform before deciding whether he or she should be allowed to continue to serve as an elected official.
I am announcing my candidacy for sheriff for the term beginning January 1, 1995 which will also be a two-year term. The partial term is required so that the elections for county sheriff

can be uniform statewide.
As voters and taxpayers in Carson County you have not only a right, but an obligation in choosing the candidates you believe will best serve the interests of county residents. In order to make that decision you need to know what philosophy the candidate has with respect to the office being sought.
My beliefs are quite simple. While law enforcement is a necessity, I feel that crime prevention is


what my department should strive for. There will never be a way of producing effective statistics to determine the number of offenses averted by patrol or intervention and while our arrest and conviction records may certainly justify our existence, I would prefer to save lives and property and the expenses of trials by trying to prevent the crimes from happening in the first place.
I am certainly not foolish enough to believe that the Carson County Sheriff's Department can prevent all crimes from occurring in our jurisdiction, but I feel that our efforts should be focused on crime prevention when possible and enforcement when necessary. When it comes to investigating crimes reported to our department, I believe in having a well-trained organization which can professionally investigate and present cases in court to secure convictions.
I intend to provide humane and professional jail services for those incarcerated in Carson County and to meet the requirements set by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. I don't believe that a county jail should be a haven or resort for offenders and I will continue to make the jail as

cost-efficient as possible so as not to be a burden on taxpayers.
The Sheriff's Department has progressed greatly in the past year and I believe that we can become even better as we go along. I have the pleasure of working with some very talented individuals who are dedicated to serving the taxpayers of Carson County and I would like your support to continue this effort.


Ruby Boyle is currently in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

The News has received reports that Joseph Lamb is in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Santa's Ready... And So Are We!
With so many good people in one town, be'll be making an extra-long stop here. We wish you all the best!
Sidney & Doris Lands



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J.T., Evelyn, Tom & Jennifer Pennington



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Ann, Karla, Aley, Keith & Bob

